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## Proposed 1951 S. B. C. Budget Provides Money For Two Additional Seminaries

### S. B. C. Executive Committee To Plan Five-Year Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will plan a five-year program covering the years of 1951-1955. The Executive Committee of the Convention voted at its mid-winter conference to call a conference of executives of Southern Baptist agencies to be held early in 1950 to plan for the program and to develop themes. It will be followed by a promotional conference of state and Southwide Baptist leaders to be held in June.

In 1951 emphases will be on enlistment of non-resident members, the world Advance Program, young people in missions, and a simultaneous evangelistic crusade. In 1952 emphases will be on young people's adventuring in stewardship, the 160th anniversary of modern missions and a convention-wide simultaneous stewardship study and every member financial canvass. In 1953 emphasis will be on establishing of mission churches. Guides for 1954 and 1955 have not yet been established.

In 1950 Southern Convention promotional plans fitted carefully into the promotional plans of the states, will center in a Tithers Visitation Enlistment to be led by Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion. They will emphasize use of visual aids. Most important is a scientifically prepared "turn-over chart" to lead

people to see their obligation to give ten per cent of their incomes into the churches. A new series of "share-the-space" tracts and posters presenting both Southern and state convention causes is planned. Also to support the program will be a film-strip, *Southern Baptists Advance*, special tithing church bulletins and special stewardship Sunday school lessons.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Money will be provided for two new theological seminaries in 1951, if a recommendation of the Executive Committee adopted in Nashville last week is approved by the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in Chicago next May. The new seminaries are proposed for the far west and the south-east. East of them will have \$100,000 the first year. The money will come from the first four and one-half million dollars, or operations budget of the Cooperative Program.

The total 1951 operating budget will

be distributed to the agencies as follows:

Foreign Mission Board	\$2,250,000
Home Mission Board	660,015
Relief and Annuity Board	500,040
Southern Baptist Seminary	200,025
Southwestern Baptist Seminary	200,025
New Orleans Baptist Seminary	200,025
Golden Gate Seminary	100,035
Proposed Seminary in East	100,035
W.M.U. Training School	40,050
Baptist Brotherhood	40,050
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,050
Radio Commission	76,050
American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission	45,000
Other Commission (Education, \$15,000; Social Service, \$12,500; Historical Society, \$10,000; Public Relations, \$11,000)	48,600

The next \$2 1-2 million operating budget will be known as the capital needs budget. Money distributed to the agencies from the capital needs budget may be expended only for permanent investment, such as land, building, etc. Home and Foreign Mission Boards may apply portions of their operating budget to capital needs where necessary to safeguard their missionary programs.

All money raised above the seven millions is to be designated to foreign missions.

The Convention operating budget for 1951 is as follows:

Convention Expense including	
Annual	\$45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Reserve Fund	35,000
Executive Committee	75,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	15,000
Baptist World Alliance	25,000

The Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000 of the convention operation budget. The rest will be provided from distributable funds before allocations to the agencies are made.

A new plan was approved to determine extent of participation in the capital needs budget of the Convention by the agencies. The agencies will

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### JOHN MADDOX TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Rev. John Maddox, pastor at Magnolia, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, December 25, and Rev. Deb Stennis, pastor of Union Church in Clarke County will speak on January 1. Each will be heard over the following stations:

At 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; and at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson.

### Thinking Aloud WHO WILL PAY THE PIPER

By DR. DUKE K. McCALL

"Send it out and charge it" is the way Southern Baptists have sometimes approached new projects. We do not always look at the price tag before we decide what we want. In the words of "Gone With the Wind" we say, "I must not think about that now; I will think about it tomorrow."

While this attitude is not confined to Baptists in the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention we have indulged in it there. How many messengers who voted to establish a Western assembly at Glorieta, N. Mex., thought about the million dollars necessary to develop the site? Where was the million dollars to be secured?

Not Opposed

Mind you, I am not opposed to the  
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## THE STATE TRAINING UNION CONVENTION MEETS JAN. 29



# PROPOSED 1951 S.B.C. BUDGET

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review all designated gifts received since January 1, 1946, to determine how much of the designations should be charged to the long-range program. Following this review agency executives will meet in a conference with Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive-secretary of the Executive Committee to work out an equitable distribution of capital funds. This conference is to make its report to the 1950 pre-convention Executive Committee meeting at Chicago.

All special offerings in connection with the Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 5, 1950, will go to the relief committee of the Alliance except \$4,000 which will be distributed to all-over Alliance needs.

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# THINKING ALOUD

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project. In St. Louis I made the motion which created the committee out of which the Glorietta recommendation came. All of the reports on the possibility of the development of the Glorietta site which have been made thus far are excellent. The only question left is, Who will pay the piper? The Southern Baptists also voted to establish two new theological seminaries. I have been on record as favoring that action since prior to my acceptance of the position here in Nashville back in 1946. Since then detailed surveys have confirmed what I thought was true. We need the new seminaries and we have voted to start them. There is only one question left; Who will pay the piper?

## Adventure Of Faith

I am not as pessimistic as I sound because I believe in the high adventure of faith where there is a conviction of right. The S.B.C. Executive Committee is responsible for recommendations, based on careful studies of the financial situation of all the S.B.C. agencies, as to how these projects may be developed.

Not all of the money will come from the Cooperative Program, but out of the total the largest amount will come from this source. The sooner a definite proposal is available whereby our people can know just what adjustments are necessary, the better it will be. We must believe that the projects are worth the adjustments in the distribution of funds to other agencies.

The Finance Committee has its first meeting in connection with the 1951 allocations in just a few days. Between now and Christmas the members of this committee will work out the best way to pay the piper for these new projects. I have my ideas and I will give them to the committee. There are 6,491,980 other Southern Baptists who ought to do the same thing. The least we can do is to pray for divine wisdom and guidance. After all, this is God's business.

—BR—

**THE MAGIC CITY (\$2.50) BY FREDRIKA Shumway Smith** is a book of poems in a wide range of subjects that are essential parts in the lives and imaginations of young folks. The title poem pictures the awe and delight of the poem and capture youthful interest. Their aim is to express, in simple terms, a child's way of looking at the visible world. Orders should be sent to The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or to the Baptist Book Store.

# Led Singing At Louisville



REV. LEWIS HANCOCK

Rev. Lewis Hancock, Choctaw Creek Indian from Fort Worth, Texas, led the singing November 27-December 4 in a revival at the First Church, Louisville.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, and author of Broadman Comments, was the preacher for the week.

Rev. James Fairchild is the pastor.

—BR—

# Gatewood Suggests Ministry To Aged

By REV. A. L. GATEWOOD

There are three definite needs that Mississippi Baptists should consider in their ministry to aged people.

First, there is the need for comfortable cottages for retired ministers and christian workers.

These consecrated Christians have spent their all in building the marvelous work the present day Christian workers cherish. Much of this frame work has been constructed through the noble efforts of the small country pastor. Letters and personal interviews give evidence to a tragic situation as these consecrated servants spend their last days without the bare necessities of life.

The least Mississippi Baptists can do is to give these fellow laborers the assurance of a home to call their own in their last days. Small, but comfortable cottages, should be erected near Clinton, Mississippi, and leased, rent-free, to these workers until their earthly days are spent. Small incomes will go much further if homes are provided.

Second, there is a need for comfortable cottages for aged orphans.

This may be a harsh term to use, yet, I know of hundreds of parents who have given their lives until the physical is spent—only to face their last days in an unwanted environment.

Children always have an appeal that will never be denied. To say orphan children is a statement that will bring tears and response. I cannot say this about the weak and worn aged who are considered a burden to society.

I believe that the Christian heart would want to see aged spend their last days in environment that would be sympathetic and understanding. At the present time all Institutions for care of these are crowded. I do not believe that parents should be separated in their last days to be sent to an Old Men's Home and an Old Ladies Home. I believe Christians should build cottages where these couples can spend their lives together

# CHESTER SWOR LEADS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK AT YAZOO CITY, FIRST

Dr. Chester E. Swor did the preaching in a revival at First Church, Yazoo City during "Christian Life Week," which has been observed by the church. The early morning watch services were crowded and the evening services were overflowing. The conferences which he directed for young people were also thronged.

The local radio station gave a morning period and two nights for broadcasting the messages from Dr. Swor.

Although the revival was conducted primarily for Christians, a large number came on profession of faith, including six men, heads of families, who came during a single service.

Dr. Webb Brame, pastor, writes: "Dr. Swor was at his best... we have not seen an abler, more consecrated, dedicated man of God..."

—BR—

N. D. MIMMS

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst our dearly beloved brother, N. D. Mimms; and,

WHEREAS, he had been a faithful servant and a lifelong member of the Utica Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, he had filled with devoted and unselfish service every office within the gift of his Church; and,

WHEREAS, our hearts are grieved and sorrowful at his passing; and,

WHEREAS, we feel that we have sustained a deep personal loss, but realize that our loss is Heaven's gain;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Men's Bible Class of the Utica Baptist Church that our most heartfelt sympathy be extended to the members of his family and assure them that our prayer is that God's bountiful Grace shall abide and the Holy Spirit comfort them in this sad hour;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the family, and a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully,

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS  
Utica Baptist Church

until death should part.

Third, there is a need for a home for those who have been left alone.

There are many who have need for attention when they go beyond the day of being active. Just to know that the end of the way would be a pleasant experience would bring joy to many a heart. I do not mean to establish a paupers home but a home where Christians would not sacrifice pride to enter. Not a feeling of being dependent on the public but a home where Christians feel that a ministry is being given in the same manner as other similar institutions.

In another article of this paper you find an appeal for the construction of the first unit of this program. I feel that the latter two will become realities soon because of the feeling of the people of this state. Many will even invest in order to have the assurance that they will have a sympathetic environment in their last days. We believe that this part of the program could be worked out by letting parties construct units for their own habitation and to be left as an investment in the Institution.

Will you write us today if this type ministry appeals to you? Will you give us suggestions concerning all three phases of the program? If you are interested please address your letter to A. L. Gatewood, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Itta Bena.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 18, 1949

Zion Hill (Copiah County)	67	99
New Albany, First	672	206
Pascagoula, First	550	189
East Lawn	53	41
Chapel No. 2	22	—
Unity Mission	24	25
Jackson, Parkway	712	280
Parkway Chapel	92	59
Jackson, First	1246	554
Jackson, Davis Memorial	331	165
Jackson, Northside	462	205
Jackson, Van Winkle	346	238
Byram (Hinds County)	111	98
West Laurel	449	148
Calvary (Amite County)	61	59
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	107	—
McComb, First	584	127
Grenada, First	611	110
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	175	84
Laurel, Second Avenue	476	141
Brooklyn	79	60
Friendship (Lincoln County)	161	99
Centreville	156	78
Kosciusko, First	579	213
Bethlehem (Jones County)	115	110
Columbus, First	834	266
Beulah (Simpson County)	143	123
Bruce	265	110
Union (Pike County)	70	120
Laurel, First	618	—
Brookhaven, First	895	313
Hamilton Street Chapel	90	56
Central Chapel	112	99
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	88	99
East McComb	465	280
Gulfport, First	652	171
Brandon	207	82

December 11, 1949

Centreville	152	76
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# CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- January 2—Miss Nell Taylor, State Y. W. A. Secretary, Baptist Building; H. D. Jordan, Marion County Convention Board member.
- January 3—Henry Riser, Laurel, Baptist foundation trustee; George Causey, Woman's College trustee.
- January 4—Rev. C. M. Day, Baptist Hospital trustee; S. E. Sumrall, Clarke College trustee.
- January 5—Lyle Corey, Baptist Orphanage trustee; W. R. Cooper, Board of Ministerial Education.
- January 6—M. P. Moore, Baptist Memorial Hospital Trustee; Wilfred, Education Commission.
- January 7—Frank McDonald, Mississippi College trustee; Nancy Lowry, Baptist Record Mailing Department, Baptist Building.
- January 8—Dr. Frank Davis, Blue Mountain College trustee.

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# CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Clinton

- Stuart McBirnie, Trinity, San Antonio, Tex., from South Ft. Worth, Tex.
- Joe D. Hardcastle, Trinity Church, Phoenix, Arizona.
- George Garnel Graber, City View Church, Knoxville, Tenn., from First, Portland, Tenn.
- E. M. Vaughan, Becks, Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., from Tabernacle, Roanoke, Va.
- A. L. Phillips, Western Heights, Atlanta, Ga., from First, Tarpon Springs, Fla.
- J. O. Carter, First Gatlinburg, Tenn., from First, Greenville, Tenn.
- Kirk S. Lucas, First, Gordo, Ala., from First, Helena, Ala.
- Fred A. Mauney, First, Valdese N. C., from Buington Memorial, Stanley, N. C.
- E. E. Downs, Desha, Ark., from First, Grubbs, Ark.
- Amos Greer, Greene County Association Missionary (Ark.) from First, Kessett, Ark.
- Andrew Hall, First, Lake Wales, Fla., from First, Hartford, Ky.
- C. R. Hill, First, Hartford, Ky.
- J. C. Watson High Splint, Ky., from Carryville, Ky.



## Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

### I OFFICIAL NOTICE

The offices of the Baptist Building, including all Convention Board offices, will be closed for Christmas holidays Thursday, December 22, through the following Wednesday, December 28. Mail for individual staff members should be addressed to their homes. Mail containing financial remittances from individuals and churches should be placed in the mail so as to reach the offices either before or immediately after that period.

Please remember that our books close for the calendar year December 31. Figures of receipts for 1949 will be printed in the Baptist Record at an early date. Please have all monies on hand in this office at your earliest convenience. Since the year ends on Saturday, and with a desire to be as considerate as possible, we are keeping the books for the year open until Tuesday, January 3, which should give time for the receipt of all remittances from every section of the state.

### II SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A BIG 1950 TO YOU AND YOURS FROM ALL OF US.

God's ways are not the ways of men. The ways of men are not the ways of God. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9.

God does things so differently from the way men do things. When God got ready to send His Son into the world He did not send him in a gilded and flaming chariot, neither did He send Him down a golden stairway from Heaven to earth. He sent Him as the tiny babe of Bethlehem. He did not cause Him to be born in a mansion, attended by all sorts of efficient scientific helpers. He let Him be born in the stench of a cattle stall. Had puny mankind been working out such an event the child would have been born in the midst of affluence and ease. He would have been born in a flowered and perfumed room. Newspapers would have carried His picture. As a matter of fact, men would not have had Him born at all but rather the Heavens would have been cleft wide open and attended by multitudes He would have marched down a sunlit carpeted stairway from Heaven to earth.

Yes, God does things differently. In His plan, Jesus was born in a little town of Bethlehem instead of the great Jerusalem capitol. Jesus as a boy lived in the village called Nazareth to the north. The community must not have been of much reputation because one asked concerning Jesus, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Men would have had Jesus born in Damascus or Rome or London or Washington.

Again Jesus was different in that more and more during the closing days of His earthly ministry He made Bethany His home. Any earthly person of importance would have chosen Jerusalem on the other side of the Mount of Olives from Bethany. Men seek the larger places, the most prominent clubs and churches.

The Pharisees magnified their traditions and institutions. They were very jealous of these traditions and institutions. They wanted men to go hungry if men had to pluck corn on the Sabbath to keep from being hungry because their traditions must be preserved at all costs. They could crucify the blessed Son of God and that with venom if it took that to save their institutions.

Jesus on the other hand magnified the individual rather than institutions and

traditions. "Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus talked with and saved an individual, the woman at the well. Jesus talked with and saved an individual, Nicodemus who came to Him by night. Jesus said to an individual, a woman, "Go and sin no more." With Jesus the individual counted. With Jesus the individual was the main subject and object.

Today, even in Christianity, there is very much of the Pharisees' spirit in that one hears the cry again and again, "save our institutions," when so called saving institutions may mean the destruction of individuals.

God and men are different in another aspect of life. Everything in a natural man cries out for that individual to save his life. That is Satan's idea and is of Satan for he said to God concerning Job, "Everything that a man hath will he give for his life."

The way of God is the way of sacrifice and self giving. Jesus said, "He that will save his life shall lose it but he that will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Man believes that the way to live is to live. God in Christ taught in varied phraseology the way to really live is to be willing to die. See John 12. Read Hebrews 11.

A Christian Christmas is different from a Christmas men would have planned. The Christian Christmas centers around the one great truth of giving. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Men would have planned the central truth of Christ around the thought of receiving.

Read Luke 2.

Read Corinthians, chapters 8 and 9.

### IV COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES IN CONVENTION BOARD WORK

We have now, several days before you will read this, written every person or institution that made a request of the Convention Board in regular session the first week of December.

Associational Missionaries receiving State Mission aid will use a blank which we furnish free of cost on which a report of work done each month will be made. The report will then be mailed to this office and about the tenth of the month following we will mail the State Mission allocation for the preceding month plus accumulated monies for associational mission work from the churches of that given association. In practically all cases the churches send their monies for associational mission work through the Convention Board office.

Likewise, regarding pastoral aid we furnish regular report blanks on which is reported the work for a given month. The report is mailed to the Convention Board office the first days of the following month and about the tenth we mail out checks for State Mission Pastoral aid, in turn enclosing another report blank.

Regarding State Mission building aid appropriations, it is necessary for each church in requesting the payment of such building aid to make a written request for the files to the Convention Board office stating that at least some real progress has been made in actual building operation. The appropriation will then be mailed immediately. This, of course, is in cases where proper application has been completed and a definite appropriation made.

It should be remembered by all those receiving State Mission aid in every phase of the work that all appropriations start as of November 1 and terminate not later than October 31.

If anyone has particular questions we

will be happy to hear from you.

V

State Mission budgets these last years are as follows:

1939	\$ 35,000.00
1940	40,000.00
1941	43,500.00
1942	50,000.00
1943	67,500.00
1944	111,400.00
1945	130,000.00
1946	175,000.00
1947	199,050.00
1948	213,120.00
1949	228,670.00
1950	257,233.54
Original budget	\$213,967.00
Additional B. S. U. appropriation	1,200.00
Additional Church building aid	15,000.00
Allocation of \$5,000 each to three churches: Wesson, Summit, Immanuel of Hattiesburg	15,000.00
Starkville Church Allocation	10,000.00
Allocation Jackson Association for Missionary aid	1,200.00
Allocated to Negro Baptist Seminary for last year's operation	866.54
	\$257,233.54

Thus we see that for 1950 we have the largest all-time State Mission budget in the grand total of \$257,233.54.

VI

The grand total overhead budget for 1950 in the amount of \$109,675.00 is made up of the following items:

Office of Executive Secretary	\$ 61,525.00
Office of Assistant Executive Secretary and Relief and Annuity Department	16,650.00
Treasurer	6,000.00
Ernst and Ernst Auditors	6,000.00
W. M. U. Department	19,500.00
The W. M. U. has an additional State Mission item in the amount of \$9,000 making their total budget	\$28,500.00
	\$109,675.00

VII

Mrs. Dildy is our thermometer in the Bookkeeping Department. When receipts are up, she is glad to tell everybody, and when they are slow, she does not want to see anybody. For most of the time you have made her happy by sending in large amounts of money daily for all the work of Christ. During these last days, she has reported daily receipts in the amount of \$4,000, \$5,000, and on up to \$10,000.

The reason for this is several fold: First, the large city churches are interested in all the work of Christ and almost without exception send in large sums of money. We have before us now letters from fine pastors of dynamic churches that stay in the very top bracket. They express their personal and professional good wishes for continued advances in the work.

Second, county seat churches all over this state stay under the load of the work. These are cooperating churches. These churches realize that they may count for Christ and they do count for Christ. Their pastors are sympathetic and loyal. We have on our desk now from this type leadership expressions of appreciation and a stated determination to go forward.

Third, hundreds of rural churches, loving the Lord and believing the Bible, all over this state send in their Cooperative Program contributions and their mission offerings regularly through this office. Their dozens and hundreds of dollars multiplied many times over from a multiplicity of such churches swell the total. Their pastors are some of the salt of the earth.

As we end one year and face another, Mississippi Baptists are now ready in a great way to go forward in evangelism,

## BYRAM PLANS REVIVAL Dr. Ray To Be Evangelist



REV. PERCY RAY

A Christmas Revival will be held at the Byram Church December 23-January 1. Services will begin each evening at 7 a. m.

Rev. Percy Ray, of the Home Mission Board, will do the preaching and D. M. Graves will lead the singing. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is the pastor.

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## Ecu Completes Pastorium

The Ecu Church has completed the pastorium and has paid the indebtedness. The building is valued above \$7,000.

The church has invited the Preachers' School to meet at Ecu in January.

Rev. H. H. Ward is the pastor.

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## Centreville Ordains Deacons

The Centreville Church ordained three members as deacons in a service on December 11. They were: Marion Causey, John Rollins, and Odessa Hughes.

The message was delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Ward. Rev. Sam Waggoner, associational missionary, gave the charge and Fletcher Rollins led the ordination prayer. Deacons from Liberty Church and Norwood (La.) Church, assisted.

The pastor presented both the newly ordained deacons and those who were already serving in the Centreville Church with a copy each of "Honoring the Deaconship."

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## Union Makes Plans For 1950

Union Church in Alcorn County has adopted the budget system of church financing for 1950. Rev. G. B. Basden, Wheeler is pastor of the church.

Plans have been made to add additional Sunday School rooms. Attendance has increased in both Sunday School and Training Union, making it necessary for the church bus to make two runs for each meeting.

Training Union officers elected for 1950 are: Mrs. W. T. Fuell, director; D. Crow, Sr., associate director; Mrs. Sam Caldwell, secretary; Mrs. V. C. Miller, chorister; Mrs. O. L. Maddox, Jr., pianist; D. Crow, Sr., adult president; Mrs. W. T. Fuell, Young People's leader; Mrs. Hazel Rogers, Intermediate leader; Mrs. Burton Reucher, Junior leader; Mrs. K. Rowland and Mrs. Leroy Crow, Story Hour leaders.

stewardship, missions, and in every other good work! Deology!



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## A Personal Word From The Editor

With this issue of the BAP-  
TIST RECORD the editor com-  
pletes eight years in the editor-  
ial chair. Before that he had  
served seven years as circula-  
tion manager or a total of 15  
years with the BAPTIST REC-  
ORD.

He would if he could extend  
in person his hearty thanks to  
the multitude of readers who  
have taken time to write letters  
of encouragement and approval  
and even a few who have felt  
constrained to disapprove. But  
whatever the nature of the com-  
ment, they are welcomed. No  
man is perfect and we appreci-  
ate the letters that approved and  
those that offered suggestions  
or criticism. They have helped.

With all the sincerity of his  
soul the Editor wishes for ev-  
ery reader, a joyful CHRIST-  
MAS and a happy NEW YEAR.

## The Training Union Convention

The State Training Union Con-  
vention, under the leadership of  
Auber J. Wilds, State Training Union  
Secretary, which meets in  
Jackson on December 29 is an im-  
portant meeting, not only for the  
present but for the future.

Not only does the Training Union  
improve the work of the lead-  
ers of the present but aids in pre-  
paring those who are to take the  
places of present leaders as they  
pass on.

People from all walks of life and  
all sections of the state will be on  
hand for this meeting. And when  
the convention closes they will go  
back to their local churches with  
inspiration and information which

will enable them to do even bet-  
ter than they have in the past. For  
they will find in the Convention  
much that will be stimulating and  
beneficial to them in their various  
church activities.

Outstanding Southwide and  
state Baptist leaders will be on  
hand to make inspiring addresses  
as well as conduct conferences  
that will provide those attending  
with the very best and latest meth-  
ods in leadership.

Let all who can, aid in any way  
so that there may be the very larg-  
est possible attendance. It will  
mean better leaders both now and  
hereafter and that will produce  
better churches.

—BR—

## No Paper Next Week

According to the custom of the  
years, there will be no issue of the  
BAPTIST RECORD next week.  
So the BAPTIST RECORD work-  
ers now send greetings to readers  
and friends.

This is the one time in the year  
when no issue of the BAPTIST  
RECORD is published. The next  
issue will be January 5, 1950.

The Lord bless all of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year.

—THE BAPTIST RECORD  
FORCE

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## A Great State Mission Program

The Convention Board, at its  
recent annual session in Jackson,  
set forth, we believe, the most  
challenging State Mission Pro-  
gram Mississippi Baptists have  
ever sponsored.

In order that all may thorough-  
ly understand the meaning of the  
great program adopted, we ex-  
plain below the budget, item by  
item, except a few that are self-  
explanatory. The complete budget  
was printed last week.

**Church Buildings Evangelism,**  
\$40,000. This money is used to aid  
churches in erecting houses of  
worship.

**Negro Work,** \$13,500. Most of  
this is used for the Negro seminar-  
ies. These seminaries are helping  
Negro pastor better prepare  
themselves for pastoral service.

**Indian Work,** \$2,000. This mon-  
ey is used to help the Indians in  
all phases of their work.

**B.S.U. Campus Work,** \$13,000.  
This is to support B.S.U. secre-  
taries at the various schools  
throughout the state.

**B.S.U. Department,** \$7,200. This  
money is for the work of the  
State B.S.U. Department under the  
direction of State B.S.U. Secretary  
Charles W. Horner.

**Sunday School Department** \$16,-  
500. This money is used for the

Sunday School work under the  
leadership of State Sunday School  
Secretary, E. C. Williams.

**Training Union Department,**  
\$15,500. This money supports the  
Training Union department which  
is lead by State Training Union  
Secretary, Auber J. Wilds.

**Evangelistic Conference,** \$1,500.  
This money is used for the annual  
Evangelistic Conference. The next  
Conference will be held at Gulf-  
port, February 28-March 4.

**Historical Society,** \$300. This  
small sum is used under the direc-  
tion of Dr. J. L. Boyd, who is try-  
ing to collect and preserve Mis-  
sissippi Baptist History.

**Board Employees Retirement  
Plan, Ministers' Retirement Plan,  
and Widows Supplemental Plan,**  
\$33,387. All these items are for the  
Board Employees, Ministers and  
Minister's Widows' Retirement  
Plan. It provides protection for  
preachers who reach the age of  
65 or who become disabled at any  
time after one year's membership  
in the plan and for their widows.

**State Mission Promotion Tracts,**  
\$3,000. This is used to print tracts  
and booklets and other things to  
promote our State Mission work.

**Stewardship conferences,** \$750.  
This money is used to promote a  
series of stewardship conferences  
throughout the state.

**Institutional Work,** \$4,750. This  
money supports the institutional  
visitation work done by Rev. J. B.  
Parker. He regularly visits the  
Jackson hospitals, and the Vete-  
rans Administration Hospital.

**Pastoral Evangelism,** \$10,000.  
This money is used to supplement  
pastor's salaries where because of  
local conditions the church can-  
not pay a reasonable salary.

**Service Men's Aid,** \$1,200. This  
money is used by the First Church,  
Biloxi, for its Service Mens' Pro-  
gram. Keesler Field is a perman-  
ent Army School and the Service  
Men's Program of First Church,  
Biloxi, reaches many of them.

**Brotherhood Department,** \$10,-  
600. The Brotherhood is one of our  
youngest and fastest growing de-  
partments. W. R. Roberts is sec-  
retary and the above amount sup-  
ports his department.

**Associational Missions,** \$22,000.  
This money is used to supplement  
the salaries of Associational Mis-  
sionaries in associations that have  
a missionary.

**Preachers Bible School,** \$1,000.  
The school was held last year at  
the Baptist Headquarters. It is  
planned primarily for preachers  
who have not had the advantage  
of a college and seminary educa-  
tion. But all are welcome. The  
money is used to help on the  
preachers' expenses and to pay  
small honorariums to the faculty.  
Three are planned this year.

**Temperances Promotion,** \$8,500.

This money is used for what it  
says, temperance promotion. This  
is being done under the direction  
of the secretary, Dr. W. L. Hol-  
comb.

**Associational Missionary Insti-  
tute,** \$300. This money is used to  
help pay the expenses of the An-  
nual Associational Missionary In-  
stitute which is held at Clarke Col-  
lege. The Associational Missionar-  
ies meet once a year to discuss  
their problems and make plans to  
do better work.

**Chinese Missions,** \$1,200. This is  
the Chinese work at Greenville un-  
der the direction of Rev. D. I.  
Young.

**W.M.U. Department,** \$19,500  
from the Cooperative Program  
and \$9,000 from the State Mission  
Budget. This is for the support of  
all the various activities of the  
W.M.U. under the direction of  
Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive  
Secretary.

**The Department of Rural  
Church Work,** \$5,600. This de-  
partment is under the direction of  
Rev. Martin J. Gilbert and, in most  
cases, works with rural churches.

**Natchez College,** \$750. This is to  
aid in Bible teaching at this Ne-  
gro college.

**Sanatorium,** \$600. This money  
is used to provide a chaplain to  
visit patients at the Sanatorium.  
The work is done by Rev. J. B.  
Smith of Magee.

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## Marked Copies Will Save Letters

Each year we print a notice that  
there will be no issue of The  
Baptist Record during the Christ-  
mas holidays. And each year we  
receive letters asking that we send  
a copy of the Christmas issue as  
the writers failed to receive a  
copy. Heretofore we have taken  
the time to reply and explain why  
there was no Christmas issue and  
to call attention to the notice about  
it in a previous issue.

This year in order to save time  
we are having a few extra copies  
of this issue printed. Instead of  
letters all who write about miss-  
ing the next issue will be mailed  
a copy of this issue with this arti-  
cle marked.

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## Dr. Frank H. Leavell

Southern Baptists lost a worthy  
leader in the recent passing of Dr.  
Frank H. Leavell, Baptist Student  
Union Secretary for the Southern  
Baptist Convention.

A native of Oxford, Dr. Leavell  
had spent most of his life organiz-  
ing and leading in young people's  
work. He was a member of what  
is known as the Leavell family of  
nine brothers, eight of whom are  
or were engaged in full time relig-

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## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

BETTY PRESSON, Office Secretary

### LET CHRIST HAVE CHRISTMAS

Much could be written on the subject above. Suffice it to say, however, let us this year let Christ have the preeminent place in Christmas. Christmas, you know, is His birthday.

To all of you who read our column, may Christmas this year be for you the happiest one you have ever experienced. May Christ, Himself, be present in your home and in your heart is our prayer in His name.

### CAMPUS GLEANINGS

Miss. Southern—"Average attendance in weekly meetings have been 76. The busses that take the students to the local churches are full each Sunday. All meetings are being held in the Upper Room—our lovely chapel and all Baptist Students who will be urged to attend. The executive council then reports to this group. Singspiration and Inspiration are the order of each meeting"; MSCW—Two students have joined the Columbus church recently; Miss. College—Three students recently joined the Clinton Church; Pearl River Jr.—51 unsaved, one new student church member; Delta State—"We are having Fellowship in the church members' homes every Sunday night. . . . This month we took on another mission project at the county poor farm. Last week our devotional leader started a daily prayer meeting in one of the dormitories. We are hoping to start one in every dormitory"; Jones Jr.—48 unsaved, 1 new church member; Southwest Jr.—14 unsaved; Woman's College—Four won to Christ recently and five dedications; Perkinson Jr.—Two new student church members. "Our choir at church is made up almost entirely of students and they render specials often and in general make a real contribution to the services"; East Central Jr.—67 unsaved. "The college has fifteen minutes on the air every Wednesday afternoon. On No-

vember 9 our BSU had charge of the program"; Belhaven—47 of 54 Baptists are local church members, 40 average at noonday prayer meeting, 17 subscribers to Baptist Student; Sunflower Jr.—9 unsaved; Miss. State—13 recently joined the Starkville church; Clarke College—"We are having regularly an executive council meeting three Monday nights each month. The other Monday night we have a Greater Council meeting. These Greater Council meetings make it possible for us to spread out some of the responsibility and give everybody a chance to have a voice in what B. S. U. does. This has helped to do away with the old "gripe" that B. S. U. is an exclusive group or clique. I have not heard that criticism for months now. During the last month our Morning Watch has held up very well with an average of about 125. Our Noonday Singspiration continues with an average of about 60."

One of the very best banquets we've ever attended anywhere was the recent one at Clarke. Space forbids a full description, but the greatest thing about it was and is that half the price of each ticket is going into Missions. The very next night we attended "Talent Night" at our church (First Church, Jackson, in case you didn't know). This program was one of the best of its kind we've attended and has great possibilities for the future in giving more and more Young People a good time. Then, the very next day we enjoyed and were blessed by the first meeting of our new State Council. Only one member was absent. We believe most of us, connected with BSU, have the feeling that the Lord will give us our greatest year this year. We know He will if we'll let Him, through His Spirit, do the leading and if we'll follow that leadership. Then the very next day (Sunday) we were privileged to help in some R. A. work at our church . . .

DR. FRANK H. LEAVELL

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ious work.

To Dr. Leavell is largely due to the credit for the Baptist Student Union work which is surpassed by no student work of any denomination. He was also active in the youth work of the Baptist World Alliance and was chairman of its Youth Committee.

He has left as his monument a work that reaches every college campus in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and his influence will continue on into the distant days as those he has inspired and trained and led continue to pass on to coming generations the plans and programs which were the child of his fertile brain.

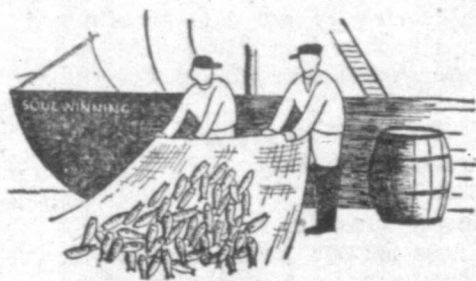
Southern Baptist, all Baptists and the world are poorer because of his passing.

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### More Quick Service By Purser Brothers

Once again Mississippi Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to Purser Brothers, owners of the Better Printing Company.

The Mississippi Baptist Conven-



tion was held in Jackson, November 15-17. On Monday, December 5, Purser Brothers delivered the bound copies of the minutes of the State Convention. That is less than three weeks.

We recall that the minutes of some of the state conventions were not delivered for months after the meeting of the state conventions.

Mississippi Baptists should be and doubtless are grateful to these two fine Baptist laymen and their employees for such prompt and efficient service.

—BR—

"THE NAME OF JESUS STANDS FOR holiness and purity, for love and righteousness, for mercy and grace, for truth and faith. Therefore, to pray in his name requires that our praying shall be consistent with his character. This rules out all selfishness and pride, all insincerity and bitterness, all laziness and wilfulness. In this we have some indication of the costliness of real prayer."

—Clifton J. Allen, The Teacher.

## --Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

### STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN In Our Stewardship Conference At Garaywa

We discussed our responsibilities toward promoting our part of Woman's Missionary Union work and recommended that we all actively engage in emphasizing stewardship responsibilities and in educating our members, old and young, in the vital principles of faithful stewardship. To that end we adopted a calendar of stewardship activities, suggesting different phases of promotion and education (see suggestions following this), with the following recommendations:

1. Every W. M. U. in Mississippi have an active stewardship committee cooperating with the pastor in denominational stewardship promotion.
2. Every member of W. M. U. in Mississippi a tither in 1949-50.
3. Every tither win a tither in 1949-50.
4. Every W. M. S. in Mississippi sponsor a stewardship poster contest with major emphasis on the originality of stewardship thought or idea presented.

5. Present stewardship thought at every W. M. S. meeting. Give time and opportunity for new tithers to be enrolled. The enclosed leaflet "Missions Wait on Stewardship" has suggested placards that could be used to advantage in presenting a stewardship idea.

6. Present a stewardship emphasis each month adopting the "It's Time To Tithe" calendar and using the graded stewardship devotional material—"We Have A Treasure" for the WMS and YWA's and graded lessons for Juniors and Sunbeams. All of this is new in booklet form and a copy of "We Have A Treasure" was sent each WMS President and each YWA Counselor last month. An additional copy of this booklet will be 10 cents from the WMU Office, 1111 Comer Bldg, Birmingham, Ala. The new stewardship leaflets for Juniors and Sunbeams was sent each counselor last month. Please use these helps regularly. They're fine!

7. Plan with your Young People's Leader and help present a Church Night of Stewardship. A leaflet "Stewardship Plans for WMU Young People's Organizations" will help you with this. This was sent the Young People's Counselors, too.

I know one thing—if all of us who have accepted this most responsible place of service in our various societies will work at it with our whole heart and mind, our strength, then our God whom we love and serve will work with us and great things will be done in His name this year in our state.

Sincerely,

MRS. J. T. LYONS,  
State Stewardship  
Chairman

### TO BE A GOOD STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

1. Accept the office as a service for God.
2. Practice what you preach—be a tither and more!
3. Study duties as given in the Year Book, Mississippi Offices Guide, all books and literature possible on the subject. Be informed on Stewardship!
4. Believe in Stewardship. Be zealous for it. Magnify it.

5. Work with young people's directors and counselors in promoting Stewardship Education Plans for Young People.

6. Make regular reports—require regular reports.

### CALENDAR OF STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES January

Stress importance of enlisting new tithers and having every W. M. S. auxiliary member a tither. Have short talks in each organization on reasons for tithing. Order tithers cards from state W. M. U. office and ask each new tither to sign one (these are only for NEW tithers).

### February

Make original stewardship posters and scrapbooks. Remind members of approaching Home Mission Season of Prayer and set goal for Annie Armstrong offering.

### March

Present Home Missions through Season of Prayer program and urge each member to have a part in the Offering for Home Missions.

### April

Emphasis on the Stewardship memory work. Check with Counselors to see if they are using available suggestions (leaflets and magazines).

### May

Make a Stewardship Honor Roll, and challenge each member to have his or her name placed there. Call attention to it month by month, as new names are added.

### June

Recognize at the Young People's meetings (local and associational) the tithers—might have them wear a tag "I'm a Tither."

### July

Study a book on Stewardship (see list in the Year Book).

### August

Major upon larger Stewardship—soul-winning. Also emphasize the Stewardship of time and talents. Set goal for State Mission offering.

### September

Present State Mission Program and urge each member to have a part in the offering. Check standard concerning new tithers.

### —BR—

GULF COAST MISSION STUDY EXCELLENT. The Associational chairman, Mrs. J. H. Matthews reports: 18 W. M. S. in the Association and 13 of these Societies had at least two mission study classes, with 616 women completing the study. Five of the societies were 100 percent in having EVERY member read at least one book: Lyman, Grace Memorial, East Side Gulfport, Long Beach and Pass Christian. Congratulations on this fine report.

OKTIBBEHA has MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE. Mrs. J. T. Flurry, the Associational Mission Study chairman reports that four of the seven societies were represented. Six associational officers were present to help with the day's program.

NEW BUSINESS WOMAN'S CIRCLE. A fine spirit was shown by the Eugenia Damerson B. W. C. in helping to organize a new circle in the First Baptist Church, Jackson. The Belle Simmons circle reports a good start and an increasing number enlisted.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

R. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary      PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### CHRISTMAS

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'"

This is why we have Christmas, because we have Christ. And even in that far off day when Jesus was born there were those who came to bow down before him in adoration and worship. The learned men from Jerusalem did not worship the babe of Bethlehem, but the wise men from the east did. Highest learning finds itself at the feet of Jesus.

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The spirit of anything is the same as that of those who are responsible for it. That is also true of Christmas. And since Christ himself is the responsible one for Christmas, the real and genuine spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ.

Now that is not always the spirit that is in evidence at Christmas, but it would be if we should let the spirit of the maker of Christmas be the spirit that directs us also. And just what is the spirit of Christmas, or the spirit of Christ? We certainly do not know all about this, but these are some things that he manifested so abundantly:

### UNSELFISHNESS

Of all the noble traits that one can possess, none stands higher in our thinking than that of unselfishness. Jesus had this to a perfect degree, just as he did every thing else that was part of Him.

Much of what Christ did and said was to combat selfishness in his people. He wants self relegated to the background and others brought to the forefront. He wants people to live not for self alone, but for others also. He taught us that great lesson in the very purpose of his coming into the world, which was to save others and not self.

### LOVE

Love is the spirit of Christmas because it is the spirit of the one who gave Christmas to us. Love is the fulfilling of all the noblest impulses of mankind.

When one asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment, he quickly told him to love God and his neighbor. In that one statement Christ gave us the perfect formula to satisfy all the relationships of life. Love is the fulfilling of the law, and it is the fulfilling of all there is in life that is worth while.

Love begets love. This is seen in Christ. He is the world's greatest lover and he is also loved by more people than any other. He proved his love by dying for us, even when we were sinners. He saw us at our worst and died for us.

Yes, love is certainly the spirit of Christmas.

### SERVICE

Service is the spirit of Christmas because it was the spirit of Christ. He it was who taught us what real and genuine service is. He it was who taught us that the highest service is not in serving those who may be able

to reward us, but in serving those from whom there can be no possible hope of reward—from them.

Jesus came not to be ministered unto but to minister. He came not to be served but to serve. His life was spent in service. He went about serving. It was his passion, his work, his desire, his purpose.

And when he came to the closing hours of his matchless life, while he was praying to his father in heaven, he said that he had glorified him on the earth, he had finished the work which he had been given to do. That was how he glorified his father—by serving him perfectly.

And if we glorify the father, it will doubtless be along the same line that Christ himself did, and that was in service. He was then doing that for which he came into the world.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

And so, as we come to another Christmas season, we wish each and all a very merry Christmas, and may the real spirit of Christmas be ours.

God's blessings have been so many to us since last Christmas. We are grateful, but we are sure that we can never be as grateful as we should be for all his mercies to us.

And we are deeply grateful to all who have had a part since last Christmas in building bigger and better Sunday schools where God's Book may be taught to all people so that more may come to know the Christ of Christmas, and thus to know the real spirit of Christmas.

### MORE STANDARDS

The following units became standard during November:

Flora, Rev. O. B. Beverly, pastor, Mr. C. E. Anding, superintendent; Parkway, Jackson, Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, Mr. C. L. Beard, superintendent; TEL, Adult class, Morton, Mrs. W. H. Hartsell, teacher; Vota Vita, Young People's class, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. J. W. Fargis, teacher; Victory, Adult 2, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. A. J. Chancellor.

These Intermediate classes from First Church, McComb: Golden Rule, Miss Elwin Butler; Van Guard No. 1, Mr. Buell Bearden; Eagles, Mr. Burton Alford; Joyful Servants No. 1, Mrs. C. C. Wilson; Joyful Servants No. 2, Mrs. Leo McDaniel; Kingdom Seekers No. 1, Mrs. Gladys McDaniel; Van Guard No. 2, Mr. L. Rimes; Valiant Knights, Mr. Tom Gordon; Ideal No. 1, Mrs. Hattie Magee; Ideal No. 2, Mrs. Doris Cole.

Junior Dept. 2, Columbus First, Mr. J. H. Christman, supt., and these classes—King's Daughters, Mrs. Dewitte Smith; 11-Year Boys, Mr. T. A. Johnson; Faithful Followers, Mr. Doyle Copeland; 12-Year Girls, Mrs. O. L. Jackson; William Tindale, Mrs. D. C. Bowling; Daughters of Ruth, Mrs. Bob Fancher; Doers of the Word, Mr. Jim Wilder.

Our sincere thanks to all these leaders for this fine work.

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### THE FIRST TENTATIVE REPORT

for 1949 indicates that the Training Union total for Southern Baptist churches has reached 1,231,093, a gain of 154,126 over 1948. The report also indicates a record number of baptisms, 335,717—23,471 more than the 312,246 reported in 1948.

## SOSO HAS STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL; PAYS OFF DEBT

Soso Church held a Stewardship Revival last week in which Rev. Martin Gilbert, Secretary of Rural Church Work, did the preaching. "Minimum Christian Living" was the theme used throughout the week, with emphasis each day on one major factor in Christian life.

On the closing day of the revival, December 18, all offerings were designated for the purpose of paying off the note on the church annex. The drive was successful and the annex is now debt free.

Rev. John Gilbert is the pastor.

## MURPHY HELPS MURPHY AT 5TH AVENUE CHURCH HATTIESBURG

Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor of Highland Heights Church, Memphis, assisted his nephew, Dr. J. C. Murphy, pastor, in a series of revival meetings at Fifth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

There were 150 decisions with 100 making professions of faith.

According to Dr. Slater A. Murphy, "The secret of the success of the meeting was the splendid preparation for the revival before it began and their continuous efforts in witnessing for Christ throughout the entire series of meetings."

The church is making plans to begin building a beautiful new church plant in the immediate future.

## Secretary Davis Awarded Honorary Degree

According to an announcement by Dr. Andrew McAllister, president of the Gallilean Bible Seminary, Higgins Bay, New York, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity has been awarded Rev. W. P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. Davis, a native of Union County, Mississippi, a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary, began his work as associate secretary on February 1, 1949. Prior to this time he was pastor of the First Church, Hollandale.

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### ONE PLANET, MANY WORLDS (\$2.00)

by Wade V. Lewis sets forth a conception of harmony, rather than conflict between religion and science, suggests a scientific reason assuring man's immortality, and traces evolution of government from early tribes to modern civilization. It is the effort of the author to parallel the Laws of Life and the Laws of Science. Orders should be sent to the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or to the Baptist Book Store.

### ALONG THE WAY (\$2.00) BY ALICE

Holt Brundage is a book of lovable, sincere and expressive little messages of encouragement and inspiration. Such variety of telling reflects the attitude of the author as she enthuses over the beauties of nature, the goodness of God, friendship and the hope of life. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

## — BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

### BROTHERHOOD MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Meetings are essential to success of a Brotherhood. They may be held weekly, twice a month, or monthly. A regular set time is best. Each church decides its own plan and time as seems best in that situation.

#### Suggested Schedule No. 1

7:00—Supper.  
7:30—President in charge.  
Songs, one or more.  
Prayer.

Scripture reading.

Business period: Recognize visitors, new members—by Membership Vice-president.

Minutes of last meeting—Secretary. Business matters, if any.

Recommendations from Exec. Committee.

Activities period: Activities Vice-president calls for reports of work done by the committees, chairmen reporting.

Reports by committees on activities to be carried on, with names of those in charge and helping.

Brief message by Pastor.

Program Period: Program Vice-president in charge.

Singing or special music (use men leaders if possible).

Talks, by men of Brotherhood.

(Journal program recommended).

Address, by main speaker (best not to use outside speakers more than three times during the year).

Announcements about next meeting.

Adjourn.

#### Suggested Schedule No. 2

7:30—President in charge.

Songs.

Prayer.

Business Period: Membership Vice-president presents visitors, new members.

Secretary—Minutes, roll call.

Activities Vice-president calls for reports and plans by chairmen: Worship Committee, Evangelistic Committee, Education Committee, Benevolence Committee, Stewardship Committee, Committee on Boys' Work.

Recommendations from Executive Committee.

Brief message by Pastor.

Program—Program Vice-president in charge.

Songs or special music.

Scripture or devotional.

Prayer.

Talks from Brotherhood Journal, or other topic, or one address, not more than three addresses during the year.

Adjourn.

Coffee and doughnuts, or pie and coffee.



Mr. C. C. Elsey, Aurora, Missouri will be available for revival meetings after Jan. 1, 1950. He has had many years experience directing music and leading in evangelistic campaigns. He was for many years with The Home Mission Board. Write him direct to above address or in care of E. N. Elsey, Box 55, Clinton, Mississippi.



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## STATE BOARD MINUTES

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

44. C. S. Moulder presented and moved the adoption of the Associational Missions report, and after extended discussion a motion by M. S. Varnado was carried that the report be referred to the same committee to reconsider and redraft and report to the Board on Wednesday morning.

45. The meeting was recessed until 9:00 a. m. Wednesday morning with prayer by W. A. Hogan.

The meeting convened at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday morning with the singing of, "Standing on the Promises," and prayer by M. V. McKinster.

46. J. B. Smith called attention that the Board was to elect the auditors and his motion that the matter of election of auditors be taken up carried.

47. Virgil Ratcliff moved that Sanford, Watkins, and Mize be elected auditors for 1949-50. A substitute by C. A. Molpus that the firm of Dick Guinn be elected as auditors was lost, and the original motion for the election of Sanford, Watkins, and Mize prevailed.

48. The following were elected as the Auditing Committee: N. R. Pascal, K. R. Cofer, M. W. Perry.

49. The motion of B. T. Bishop carried that the three applications of college churches referred to the Board by the Committee on Building Aid (Summit, Wesson, and Immanuel of Hattiesburg) be granted \$5,000 each, to be paid from Reserve and/or Surplus funds.

50. D. S. Haworth moved that since Broadmoor Church in Hinds County had not been received into the Hinds Association that their Building Aid request not be granted. The motion prevailed.

51. K. R. Cofer brought the resolution concerning property being held in trust for Progress Baptist Church and the Convention Board, and it was adopted as follows:

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, C. A. ALFORD, of Progress, Mississippi, did, on the 2nd day of JANUARY, 1934, by Deed Recorded at page 7 of Deed Book No. 67 of the Land Records in and for Pike County, Mississippi, convey to C. A. ALFORD, R. A. SIMMONS, and A. M. STARRETT, certain property in Pike County, Mississippi, described as follows:

Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 1, Range 9; and East half of Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 1, Range 9, less than 1 acre in Northwest corner, containing 59 acres, more or less;

By which said Deed said C. A. ALFORD, R. A. SIMMONS, and A. M. STARRETT, were made Trustees of said property, for the use and benefit of the Progress Baptist Church and the Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, which Deed contains the following provisions, among others:

"That of all the net proceeds from said property the said Trustees shall make necessary repairs on said property and pay taxes that may be assessed against it, and pay the necessary expenses incurred by them; and of the residue they will pay one-half thereof annually to the Budget Fund of the Progress Baptist Church, and of the remaining one-half they will pay to the Budget of the Baptist State Board of which DR. R. B. GUNTER is secretary.

"That if the said Progress Baptist Church is moved from its present location or ceases to exist as a church as located, then the property will revert to my estate."

WHEREAS, it is understood that the legal effect of said instrument was to vest the Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention with an undivided one-half equitable interest in said property, subject to be defeated as shown hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be the best interest of this Convention Board to dispose of its said interest in said property and invest the proceeds therefrom in some investment from which an income may come to the said Convention Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, in legal and regular session in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the Trustees of said property, namely, C. A. ALFORD, R. A. SIMMONS, AND A. M. STARRETT, be authorized, empowered, and directed to sell the undivided interest of the Convention Board in said property, to the highest and best bidder for cash, executing quitclaim deed evidencing the conveyance of said interest therein. The said Trustees are further empowered and directed to invest the proceeds of said sale by placing it with the Baptist Foundation of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention for investment, with proceeds and income from such amount to be paid to and be the property of this Convention Board, or, that said Trustees invest said proceeds from said sale in United States Government Bonds for and on behalf of this Baptist Convention Board. As between these two methods of investment, discretion is extended to said Trustees, but it is affirmatively stated that it is the preference of this Convention Board that said proceeds be invested through the said Baptist Foundation.

Approved and adopted, this the 7th day of DECEMBER, 1949.

J. D. RAY, President

J. W. LANDRUM, Secretary

52. F. K. Horton presented the report of the Pastoral Aid Committee and it was adopted as follows after several changes by common consent:

## PASTORAL AID

Association	Church	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
Greene	Cedar Grove	\$ 180.00	\$ 60.00
Alcorn	Tuscumbia	300.00	150.00
Attala	North Union	180.00	90.00
Attala	Sand Hill	150.00	75.00
Calhoun	Big Creek	400.00	200.00
Carroll	Old Plank	240.00	120.00
Deer Creek	Calvary	900.00	600.00
Deer Creek	Tallula	400.00	120.00
Deer Creek	Bulah	250.00	100.00
Gulf Coast	West Gulfport	1200.00	480.00
Gulf Coast	Big Ridge	400.00	150.00
Gulf Coast	McHenry First	600.00	144.00
Itawamba	Trinity	1000.00	240.00
Jackson	Wade	500.00	144.00
Jackson	Friendship	500.00	250.00
Jackson	Hurley	(\$10 wk.) 520.00	360.00
Jones	Oakland Grove	300.00	150.00
Kemper	Union Hall	72.00	72.00

Kemper	Stonewall	48.00	48.00
Lauderdale	Key Field	360.00	240.00
Lawrence	Bismark	200.00	100.00
Lawrence	Riverside	600.00	240.00
Leflore	Half Mile	400.00	144.00

Leflore	Mt. Vernon	600.00	
Prentiss	Pleasant Ridge	240.00	240.00
Prentiss	Tuscumbia	240.00	240.00
Newton	New Prospect	250.00	240.00
Pearl River	Zion Hill	300.00	150.00
Pontotoc	The West Heights	1200.00	600.00
Pontotoc	Bellevue	600.00	240.00
Neshoba	Beacon Street	300.00	150.00
Noxubee	Elim (Mashulaville)	300.00	50.00
Noxubee	Ruhama	420.00	240.00
Riverside	Reynolds Memorial	600.00	360.00
Tishomingo	Oldham	180.00	120.00
Warren	Immanuel	480.00	240.00
Warren	Wayside	600.00	300.00
Warren	Woodlawn	1500.00	600.00
Wayne	Brett	300.00	60.00
Winston	South Louisville	400.00	200.00
Winston	Macedonia	300.00	240.00
Yazoo	Second Baptist	600.00	200.00
Deer Creek	Mayersville	500.00	100.00
Deer Creek	Wildwood	500.00	75.00

Perkinston Junior College requests \$40.00 for teaching Bible, per month.

Copiah-Lincoln Junior College requests \$50.00 for teaching Bible, per month.

F. K. HORTON, Chairman

D. SWAN HAWORTH

CAREY COX

M. S. VARNADO

B. W. JONES

53. Committee on Nominations and Salaries presented the following report which was adopted on motion of J. R. Davis:

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND SALARIES

The meeting opened with prayer led by Bro. G. O. Parker.

The committee makes the following nominations and salary recommendations: Executive Secretary—(to be elected by Board)—\$6,000.00 Salary, \$1,200.00 Special Expense, \$300.00 Utilities.

Associate Secretary—Wm. P. Davis—\$4,500.00 Salary, \$300.00 House, \$200.00 Utilities.

Editor of Baptist Record—A. L. Goodrich—\$5,000.00 Salary.

Sunday School Secretary—E. C. Williams—\$4,500.00 Salary.

Training Union Secretary—Auber J. Wilds—\$4,500.00 Salary.

Brotherhood Secretary—W. R. Roberts—\$4,500.00 Salary.

B. S. U. Secretary—Charles Horner—\$4,000.00 Salary.

W. M. U. Secretary—Edwina Robinson.

W. M. U. Young People's Secretary—Nell Taylor.

Institutional Visitor—J. B. Parker—\$3,700.00 Salary, \$300.00 House.

Temperance Secretary—W. L. Holcomb—\$4,500.00 Salary, \$500.00 House.

Rural Evangelistic Secretary—Martin J. Gilbert—\$3,700.00 Salary, \$300.00 House.

## Field Workers

Sunday School—Paul Booth, \$3,300.00 Salary; Carolyn Madison, \$2,400.00 Salary.

Training Union—W. C. Morgan, \$3,600.00 Salary; Louise Hill, \$2,400.00 Salary.

Committee to Study Charter of Ed. Comm.: Leroy Green, Chairman, A. E. Mason, D. L. Hill, Kermit Cofer, R. A. Tullios.

Standing Committee on Negro Work: J. D. Ray, F. K. Horton, Fred B. Bookter.

The allotments for Student Secretaries had already been approved in the B. S. U.

Report, and the following were elected as Student Secretaries:

1. S. A. Salter, Mississippi State.
2. Dora Etta Solomon, Pearl River Junior College.
3. Helen Bolt, Blue Mountain.
4. Margery Smith, East Central Junior College.
5. Roy Isbell, Delta State.
6. Charles M. Tolbert, Mississippi College.
7. Louie Farmer, Jr., Clarke College.
8. Riley Munday, Mississippi Southern.
9. Gwendolyn Boyett, M. S. C. W.
10. Marian Leavell, Ole Miss.
11. Kathleen Taylor, Woman's College.
12. Norma Jean John, Jones Junior College.
13. Roy Brigance, Perkinston Junior College.
14. Beverly Hodges, Southwest Junior College.
15. Nell Magee, Sunflower Junior College.

54. The final report of the Associational Missions Committee was adopted on motion of D. D. Saterwhite:

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Association	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Additional Amount
Alcorn	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Attala	1,200.00	1,000.00	100.00
Bolivar	1,000.00	700.00	100.00
Calhoun	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Columbus	600.00	500.00	
Gulf Coast	2,000.00	1,200.00	
Jasper	1,200.00	1,000.00	100.00
Jones	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Marion	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Marshall and Lafayette	600.00	500.00	100.00
Mississippi	600.00	500.00	100.00
Montgomery and Carroll	1,800.00	1,200.00	
Newton	1,200.00	1,100.00	
Panola and Yalobusha	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Pearl River	1,200.00	900.00	300.00
Pontotoc	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Prentiss	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Rankin	1,000.00	700.00	100.00
Riverside	500.00	400.00	100.00

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Scott	600.00	500.00	100.00
Tishomingo	1,500.00	1,000.00	200.00
Union Baptist (Adams-Franklin-Jefferson)	2,000.00	1,400.00	
Warren	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Winston	1,500.00	1,000.00	
	\$29,200.00	\$22,000.00	\$1,300.00

C. S. MOULDER, Chairman  
W. L. MARSH  
OWEN COOPER (For Webb Brame)  
D. D. SATTERWHITE

55. S. R. Woodson reported that progress was being made by the committee to nominate a Treasurer, but that no definite recommendation was ready yet.  
56. M. S. Varnado moved that the Executive Secretary serve as Treasurer until a new Treasurer is elected and installed. The motion carried.

57. The Committee on Baptist Record (Business Management, Finances, Advertising, Mailing, Bookkeeping) was adopted on motion of Judson Chastain:  
**REPORT OF BAPTIST RECORD (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, FINANCES, ADVERTISING, MAILING, BOOKKEEPING):**

The Baptist Record (Business Management, Finances, Advertising, Mailing, Bookkeeping) Committee met in the Baptist Record Mailing Room at 3:00 p. m. December 5, 1949.

By common consent Brother Chastain was named secretary to the Committee. The following suggestions were offered:

No. 1. Suggestions for possible Baptist Record Advertising:

- Special Church Lighting System.
- Baptistry Water Heater.
- Elevator (ground floor to church auditorium floor).

No. 2. On Bookkeeping Procedure:

That the Baptist Record bookkeeping be done in the Mailing Department of the Baptist Record Office, receipts listed, and funds turned over to the Bookkeeping Department of the Convention Board.

No. 3. Suggestions for churches in individual subscriptions to help Baptist Record in mailing:

- Keep list of names sent in.
- Give name EXACTLY as it appears on original list, when asking for changes, drops, etc. (not Mrs. J. B. Jones one time, Mrs. John Jones another, and Mrs. Agnes Jones another. We have no way of knowing that they are the same person).
- In asking for change of address give OLD as well as NEW address.
- In sending in additional names it will help very much if you give name of church from which they moved their membership. This will prevent duplication. (This applies only to churches in larger towns.)

N. R. PASCHAL, Chairman  
D. C. HORNS  
J. M. METTS  
JUDSON CHASTAIN

58. R. R. Brigrance presented the final report of the Committee on Building Aid and after several changes by common consent the report was adopted:

## CHURCH BUILDING AID

We, your Committee on Building Aid, after prayer, examination of all applications and weighing the possibilities of each church involved, made allocations on the basis of \$25,000.00. Although it required another midnight session Tuesday night and closer examination of requests, we counted it a privilege to reallocate on the basis of \$40,000.00.

The four (4) applications on which no action was taken had received no authorization from any source.

On the basis of information available to your committee, we have prayerfully allocated to meet the stated needs. In making allocations to 90 churches, our only regret was that we were unable to grant the full request of every church.

## CHURCH BUILDING AID BOARD MEETING

Association	Church	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
Attala	Edgefield	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
Attala	Ethel	5,000.00	600.00
Attala (Benton)	Second, Kosciusko	10,000.00	1,500.00
Bolivar	Lonoke		No Action
Calhoun	Providence	1,000.00	500.00
Carroll	Poplar Springs	3,000.00	500.00
Chickasaw	N. Carrollton	2,000.00	500.00
Chickasaw	Amity	500.00	150.00
Choctaw	Union	1,000.00	200.00
Clarke	Fellowship	500.00	400.00
Columbus	Pine Hill	1,200.00	500.00
Columbus	Antioch	1,000.00	400.00
Covington	Mt. Carmel	500.00	400.00
Covington	Mt. Horeb	750.00	400.00
Deer Creek	Williamsburg	2,000.00	400.00
Deer Creek	Bulah	750.00	300.00
Deer Creek	Alexander Memorial	200.00	150.00
Deer Creek	Isola	1,000.00	600.00
Deer Creek	Cary	500.00	500.00
Deer Creek	Mayersville	4,000.00	1,250.00
Deer Creek	Tallula	1,150.00	500.00
Deer Creek	Calvary-Greenville	400.00	400.00
Greene	Cedar Grove	1,500.00	500.00
Grenada	Hebron	600.00	300.00
Gulf Coast	Big Ridge	400.00	200.00
Gulf Coast	Handsboro	5,000.00	1,000.00
Gulf Coast	Lizona Mission	1,500.00	250.00
Gulf Coast	Lyman	1,500.00	250.00
Hinds	Alta Woods	1,500.00	200.00
Hinds	Forest Hill	1,000.00	250.00
Hinds	West Jackson	6,000.00	250.00
Hinds	Emmanuel	900.00	100.00
Hinds	Midway	1,000.00	500.00
Hinds	Salem	900.00	300.00
Holmes	Beulah	800.00	250.00
Holmes	Ebenezer	200.00	200.00

Itawamba  
Itawamba  
Jackson  
Jackson  
Jeff Davis  
Jones  
Jones  
Jones  
Lee  
Lafayette  
Lauderdale  
Lawrence  
Leake  
Leake  
Leake  
Lebanon  
Lee  
Leflore  
Madison  
Madison  
Monroe  
Newton  
Newton  
Newton  
Noxubee  
Oktibbeha  
Oktibbeha  
Pearl River  
Pearl River  
Pearl River  
Pontotoc  
Pontotoc  
Rankin  
Pike  
Perry  
Perry  
Smith  
Sunflower  
Tallahatchie  
Tishomingo  
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Wayne County  
Walthall  
Winston  
Yazoo  
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Parker's Chapel	400.00	400.00
Trinity	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Pt. Bayou	1,500.00	500.00
Wade	2,000.00	600.00
Hepzibah	500.00	250.00
Glade	1,000.00	300.00
Indian Springs	1,000.00	300.00
Oakand Grove	300.00	300.00
Balden	1,000.00	750.00
North Oxford	1,500.00	800.00
Collinsville	450.00	450.00
Riverside	600.00	300.00
New Prospect	300.00	200.00
Wiggins	600.00	200.00
Union Ridge	800.00	150.00
River Avenue	500.00	200.00
Palestine	300.00	150.00
Mt. Vernon	1,000.00	1,000.00
Center Terrace	1,400.00	1,000.00
Ridgeland	3,000.00	1,000.00
Athen	1,000.00	300.00
Midway	300.00	150.00
Pine Grove	300.00	150.00
Center Ridge	300.00	150.00
Deer Brook	200.00	200.00
Sturgis	3,000.00	1,100.00
Longview	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 600.00
Goodyear	2,000.00	500.00
Crane Creek	800.00	200.00
New Palestine	1,500.00	600.00
Locust Hill	400.00	200.00
Horton Memorial	800.00	300.00
Paul Truitt	2,000.00	500.00
Progress	800.00	300.00
Runnelstown	1,500.00	500.00
Brewer	500.00	200.00
Lorena	1,000.00	650.00
Blaine	500.00	500.00
Shady Dale	200.00	200.00
Ebenezer	400.00	300.00
Oldham	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
Burnville	2,000.00	300.00
Central	750.00	No Action
Mt. Moriah	1,000.00	500.00
Arkabutla	1,000.00	300.00
Immanuel	2,000.00	600.00
Fredonia	600.00	200.00
New Albany		
(N. Side Mission)	800.00	400.00
Macedona	1,000.00	No Action
Graham Chapel	300.00	No Action
Christian Rest	1,200.00	200.00
Calvary	1,950.00	1,250.00
Enon	3,000.00	750.00
Wess Chapel	450.00	300.00
Tinsley	2,500.00	400.00
Woodlawn	500.00	350.00
Second Baptist		
Yazoo City	2,500.00	1,000.00
Center Ridge	1,000.00	300.00

\$39,550.00

J. W. LANDRUM  
R. R. BRIGANCE  
J. B. SMITH  
C. C. CARRAWAY (For Charles Treadway)  
J. I. BERRYHILL

59. W. L. Clark presented the report of the Committee on Negro Work and it was adopted:

## THE COMMITTEE ON NEGRO WORK SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT

The Negro work in Mississippi is truly a GREAT ADVENTURE. Dr. Lang and his staff of workers are to be commended for the excellent work they have done. A project which has grown from one man with a vision and \$300.00 to a great organization in seven years is worthy of our commendation and most liberal support.

Though this work is progressing by leaps and bounds, we believe the following recommendations, if adopted and executed, will advance this great mission program.

We recommend:

- That the curriculum of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary be thoroughly studied with the view of directing it toward a more standardized program.
- That the curriculum of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary remain within the field of Seminary training, guarding against the offering of subject that may be obtained in Secondary schools and colleges. We believe the primary purpose of the Seminary is to train in Bible study and related subjects.
- That the Mississippi Baptist Seminary set up standards prerequisite to diplomas, certificates and degrees.
- That this work be given a major emphasis in our Mississippi Baptist program.
- That the work of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary be published among Mississippi Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. L. CLARK, Chairman  
J. B. STEWART  
K. R. GRANT  
M. D. ESTES

60. On motion of W. A. Hogan the report of the Promotional Committee was presented. Item 1 of the resolution concerning a promotional film was referred to the Executive Committee for study and action and the remainder of the report was adopted:

## REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Whereas, this Convention recognizes that widespread distribution of the printed

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Word of God is a basic necessity in the task of world evangelism to which we are committed, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society renders an essential worldwide missionary service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without notes or comment and through distributing them without profit and usually below cost,

Therefore, Be It Resolved,

First, that we earnestly request our churches and our people to make contributions to the work of the American Bible Society, all such contributions to be sent through the regular channels to the Baptist state headquarters office, marked "For the American Bible Society."

Second, that the churches be encouraged to contribute according to the church plan of finance.

## Resolution:

Whereas, it is the desire of all of us to go forward in all the work of our Lord and increase our efforts and activities toward a more effective and victorious mission program, and

Whereas, an opportunity has recently presented itself to secure a promotional 16 mm. film of Mississippi Baptist work at a cost less than 1/4 ordinary professional rates, yet this film would come from a well known, established, professional photographer, and

Whereas, the effectiveness of visual education of this kind as a promotional idea has been proven by our Southern Baptist Convention, educational institutions, and sister state conventions.

Be it therefore resolved,

1. That the Convention, now in session, request the Convention Board to appoint a committee of three to look into the matter, and after reporting to the Board, produce at their direction, a promotional film dealing with every phase of our State Mission program, and salient features of our Southern Baptist Mission program.

2. That this committee of three shall work with the Executive Secretary, Assistant Executive Secretary, and Executive Committee in the production of this film, and copies thereof, sufficient in number to be available for showing of this film in churches, associations, and institutions for the further promotion of our mission and Convention work.

Note: Further information, if desired, about possibilities and offers in the resolution may be obtained from W. P. Davis or John Dearing.

## Temperance

We are all conscious of the impending battle for repeal that will come with the convening of our legislative bodies.

The whiskey forces are ready to use every means at this disposal to repeal the dry laws.

Our Secretary, in his report, calls for our cooperation in this matter. Would it not be well for him to acquaint us with a definite plan of strategy. We feel that if we are to lead intelligent cooperation we need a definite over-all plan of strategy.

We further suggest that he acquaint himself with facts as soon as possible and stand in readiness to supply same as needed.

## Chinese Mission Work

We, your committee, commend the work of Brother D. I. Young and suggest the Board give prayerful consideration toward making full time work possible at earliest time feasible.

## Institutional Work

We, your committee, commend Brother Parker for the work he is doing in visitation, and feel that this work should be expanded as soon as funds warrant.

W. A. HOGAN, Chairman  
S. B. HARRINGTON  
W. B. MAY  
D. L. STENNIS

61. The Committee on Cooperative Program brought their report, and on motion of R. W. Martin it was adopted:

## REPORT OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In studying matters pertaining to our Cooperative Program and Stewardship Emphasis we are led to rejoice as we observe; first, that there has been a steady increase in contributions to the support of the Lord's work through the Cooperative Program during recent years, our Cooperative Program receipts reaching an all-time high in the amount of \$737,633.85 contributed this past Convention year; second, that a tremendous step forward has been taken and a goal reached by our Convention in voting the fifty-fifty division of Cooperative Program receipts in 1950; third, that the special edition of the Baptist Record to promote the Cooperative Program proved helpful in emphasizing the importance of our cooperative means of supporting all our work; and, fourth, that the Stewardship Conferences held in October were well received and proved their worth as splendid means of promoting Bible Stewardship among our churches.

As a result of this study we make these further observations: first, that the amount of increase in Cooperative Program receipts this past year was less than in any other year since 1939; second, that the fifty-fifty division of Cooperative Program receipts, while increasing the percentage to be used for Southwide Causes, reducing the percentage for State Causes and thereby indicates the importance of still greater increased giving in support of the Cooperative Program if our State Work is to be continued on the present basis which we believe desirable; third, that these matters call for renewed promotion of the Cooperative Program and Stewardship in order to attain the \$1,000,000.00 goal in Cooperative Program receipts, which is necessary to the continuance of our work acceptably.

In the light of these facts your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That definite plans be made to promote the Cooperative Program through the observance of 1950 as the 25th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program as recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. That the month of June be designated as the month for special promotion and that an all-out effort be made to get every church to make a special offering through the Cooperative Program on June 11 or the nearest convenient date.

3. That the Sunday School Department be asked to encourage this special promotion of the Cooperative Program through the Vacation Bible School by seeking to lead each school to designate the mission offering through the Cooperative program.

4. That we continue to emphasize a fifty-fifty division of receipts as a praiseworthy goal for all our churches.

5. That pastors and associational missionaries be encouraged to promote the Cooperative Program and Stewardship through conferences, associational meetings, training courses, studies, tracts, special messages, etc., keeping before the people

the motto "Every Baptist a Tither"—at least a tither.

6. That the Stewardship Conferences such as the two held this year be continued and multiplied if funds for such promotion will permit it. We would suggest five conferences at strategic places in our state, possibly during the first part of April.

7. That the Program Committee of the State Evangelistic Conference be requested to provide for at least thirty minutes for an address on the Cooperative Program, securing one of our Southwide leaders for this address, if possible.

8. That definite steps be taken to study the possibility and practicability of making and using a motion picture of our own state work to promote the cause of Christ in our state and emphasize the importance of the Cooperative Program and Christian Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. MARTIN

H. D. JORDAN

S. R. WOODSON

JOE ODLE (For John Dearing)

62. On motion of Kermit Canterbury the Sunday School report was adopted:

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

This year the State Sunday School Secretary, E. C. Williams, closes 25 years with the Sunday School Department—13½ years as associate secretary and 11½ years as secretary.

During these 25 years, the number of churches with Sunday schools in Mississippi has increased from 1,239 to 1,514, a gain of 22 percent, while the Sunday school enrolment has grown from 112,789 to 198,079, a gain of 71 percent. This is a healthy growth. We are grateful for the advancements in these years and for the Lord's rich blessings on the work.

## THIS YEAR'S WORK

In addition to the regular items, we had this year these special features that have contributed greatly to our programs: 27 associational rallies in February; 28 associational Vacation Bible school clinics in May; one of our greatest Sunday school conventions in March at Columbus; several enlargement campaigns in the spring and fall; a tour in July with Mr. W. A. Harrell, of Nashville, in the interest of church buildings; 30 extra workers in our summer program of Vacation Bible schools and study courses; a statewide Sunday school clinic at New Albany in August; 11,828 Sunday school training course awards, and these from every association in the state, with 421 churches reported; 929 Vacation Bible schools, the largest number ever. In fact, one or more workers, either regular or special, from this Department have this year been in every association in the state except three.

## NEW UNITS

New churches, new church buildings, new Sunday schools, new classes, new departments, have been reported in greater numbers this year than ever.

All of these have meant a large number of new pupils enrolled.

Too much praise cannot be given to the fine and capable associates who served so splendidly in this department of work. They are Mr. Paul Boothe, associate secretary; Miss Carolyn Madison, elementary secretary, and Mrs. P. C. French, office secretary.

A great work is being done yet we feel that a greater work can be done in the rural areas of our state with the full cooperation of the churches that are now doing a strong work. A trained leadership will build bigger and better schools.

Therefore, we recommend that special effort be made by the stronger Sunday schools in reaching the rural areas with training courses and Vacation Bible schools.

Respectfully submitted,

KERMIT CANTERBURY, Chairman

H. M. BROOKS

JODIE MOORE

R. M. SUMRALL

H. H. AULTMAN

63. The report of the Committee on Rural Evangelism was adopted:

## RURAL EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, on Rural Evangelism have received the report as given on page 135, State Convention Annual for 1949. We wish to give our approval to the report and express our appreciation to Brother Gilbert for the fine service rendered.

In view of the fact that this work was established some years ago under the LeTourneau grant as a Department of Stewardship and Evangelism and in view of that fact that the scope of service has been extended under some aid from our Home Mission Board and is now supported wholly by our State Mission Board and Home Mission Board, we recommend that the name be changed to "Department of Rural Church Work."

In recognition of the fact that ours is largely a rural state and that we have something over 1000 churches in the wide open country, and that 1950 will be a time of preparation for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign, we recommend that adequate financial support be provided for this department insofar as funds will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. WEAVER, Chairman

QUINTON E. FLOYD

M. GLENN SMITH

F. V. McFATRIDGE

64. A motion by C. J. Smyly that Department workers making out-of-state trips using money allocated to their department be allowed to go at their discretion, but if funds are needed from other sources that permission must come from the Executive Committee was tabled on motion of Wilbur Lawrence.

65. Since the Executive Committee would not be holding another meeting until January, it was moved by Landon Miller that permission be granted to Miss Carolyn Madison to attend the Sunday School Conference at Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, 1949 and for Charles Horner to attend the Seminar for Baptist Student Union Secretaries in Nashville, Tennessee, December 13-16, 1949. The motion was adopted.

66. A motion by Q. E. Floyd prevailed that department heads may make trips that are specified in their budgets without securing permission of the Executive Committee or any other than the full Board.

67. A motion by M. V. McKinster was adopted that revivals be limited to four (4) per year for Board employees except for the Evangelistic department which limit shall be six (6) except the Evangelist, and that his be unlimited, and that honorariums for only four (4) revivals be retained by any individual.

68. J. R. Reedy moved that revivals be reported to Executive Secretary and Executive Committee quarterly. The motion was adopted.

69. The Brotherhood report was adopted on motion of B. T. Bishop.

## Brotherhood Committee Report

Seventy new Brotherhoods have been organized since the last report, making a to-

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## Anniversary Clubs Continue To Come And Circulation Continues To Grow

Pastors, laymen and women all over the state are growing enthusiastic over the celebration of the editor's fifteenth anniversary and the unique way in which it is being celebrated.

As announced before in these columns, December 31 completes 15 years of service with the BAPTIST RECORD for the editor. Instead of hoping for presents or a big feed to mark the completion of 15 years with Mississippi Baptists' own Baptist paper, churches and individuals over the state are being urged to send in clubs of 15 or multiples of 15 subscribers.

Many churches and individuals have already sent in lists. Some have sent one unit of 15. Others have sent several units. The goal for January 1, 1950, is 66,000 circulation. Last week the circulation was 65,721. Editor Goodrich is making an earnest plea to Mississippi Baptists to get at least 300 more new subscriptions in order to reach the goal of 66,000.

In addition to the list of Anniversary units published in the December 1 issue, the following have been received since that time.

Blythe Creek, Choctaw, 17; Calvary, Jackson, 31; Calvary, Warren, 16; Columbus, Lowndes, 68; Corinth, Pearl River, 52; Dockery, Sunflower, 19; Fellowship, Webster, 45; Glade, Jones, 48; Harmony, Lafayette, 15; Fifth Avenue, Forest, 32; Magee, Simpson, 40; Raleigh, Smith, 21; Southside, Lauderdale, 31; West Laurel, Jones, 29; First Louisville, Winston, 42.

## 40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

Pastor C. E. Welch goes from the pastorate at D'Lo to accept the pastorate of the church at Belleview, Texas.

The Eastabuchie Baptist Church, Forrest County, closed a 14 day meeting with 31 coming by experience and baptism, and "27 other ways" as reported by Pastor H. W. Shirley who was assisted by Rev. W. A. McComb, Home Board evangelist.

Rev. L. D. Posey goes from the pastorate of the Magee Baptist Church to that of the Silver Creek church.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Pastor A. J. Linton of the Athens Baptist Church, Simpson County, tells of their annual revival in which forty joined, "most of them for baptism." The pastor did the preaching, which was the fourth time since becoming pastor.

The meeting with the Hinkle Creek Church closed with 31 coming for baptism. Pastor G. M. Savage was assisted by Rev. C. H. Mount and Mrs. C. H. Mount.

Pastor L. T. Thompson reports some meetings: Dry Creek, preaching done by the pastor, no additions; Star, preacher, Rev. C. E. Welch, with three additions; Hickory Ridge, the pastor preaching, with eleven for baptism and three by letter.

The Amory church, had "Some forty or fifty" come for membership, including "Some eight or ten strong men" during a two weeks meeting in which Pastor W. Rufus Beckett was assisted by Evangelist T. O. Reese and Singer Charles O. Miller.

Pastor W. H. Thompson of the Newton Church was assisted in a revival meeting by Rev. H. W. Shirley of Philadelphia in which twenty were added to the membership.

The revival meeting in the Vance church resulted in 45 being received into the church in which Rev. J. P. Harrington of Crystal Springs assisted, Rev. J. A. Barnhill, pastor.

## STATE BOARD MINUTES.

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total of 295, and ten have been formed since the last report, making a total of 295, tal of 295, and ten have been formed since the Convention. Seven new Associational organizations have been formed during the year, making a total of 26. Since the Convention, two Associations have been organized.

We note that the eight District Brotherhood Conferences conducted this year reached more men than ever before. As compared to a registration of 856 men in 1946, 1148 in 1947, and 1050 in 1948, the total number of men registered in the eight conferences this year was 1452.

The State Convention was held in Jackson this year on November 14, with an attendance of approximately 600.

We note from the Records that there were approximately 53 Brotherhoods when the department was opened in 1945, giving a net gain of 242 Brotherhoods. This means about 10,000 men promoting the whole program of their churches and of our denomination. We also note that there are now 26 Associational Brotherhood Organizations that meet quarterly, reaching hundreds of men; whereas, four years ago there was possibly one (1) that met with any degree of regularity. In view of this growth, we call the attention of the Board to what we consider future needs. This work is being promoted with the same personnel and equipment that was required to operate in 1945 and the committee clearly sees that with this tremendous growth, we are fast reaching the maximum capacity of the organization which consists of the Secretary of the Department and the office secretary; therefore, your committee on Brotherhood work looks with favor to an increase both in finances and personnel, and furthermore, that this recommendation of your committee be given careful consideration not later than 1951. (We note that the Department is not asking for additional funds or personnel this year.)

Brotherhood Committee  
B. T. BISHOP, Chairman  
F. L. FAIR  
DR. WILBERN LAWRENCE  
D. A. MCGEE

70. Q. E. Floyd called attention to the offer of the Houston Hospital to Mississippi Baptists which was referred to the Board. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee for study and/or action.

71. On motion of C. A. Molpus the expense account of the Convention Committee on Clear Creek Baptist Meeting House, presented by J. L. Boyd, was approved, with payment to be made out of available funds.

72. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p. m. with prayer by J. L. Boyd.

J. W. LANDRUM  
Secretary

December 7, 1949

# Share Christmas With The Needy

How would you feel to know that some faithful servants of God, who have braved the battles of Christian service, plead this day for even glasses to read the blessed word that they have preached so many times? To know that some who have blazed the trail for the present day progress are without a home and the bare necessities to minister to their frail bodies? To know that some do not have the attention necessary to minister to their physical ailments after they have given of their physical strength to minister to men?

I have read the cards and letters that were sent to the Mississippi Baptist Hour and have witnessed the facts in their homes. It is a desperate need and one that Mississippi Baptists should solve or hang their heads in shame and disgrace.

My Christian friends, I am giving myself to help solve this problem. Through Gods guidance and your generous donations, I want to build comfortable cottages near Clinton, Mississippi for lease, rent free, to ministers and Christian workers for their last days in the physical. These would be arected in the form of a village and would have a small chapel and medical center to aid the ministry.

A consecrated layman has offered to build the houses, free of charge, if Mississippi Baptists will furnish the materials. A Board of Trustees will supervise the erection of the buildings. Every dime contributed will go into actual construction of the cottages. Our services will be in answer to God's Call and without pay.

Is it asking too much for you to save \$1.00 per member of your family, out of what you intend to spend Christmas, for this needy cause? How can you spend money for non-essentials while these needs go unheeded? Trim your Christmas spending and share a portion of it to erect these cottages for these dear servants.

Send your contribution to this fund, care Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi or to the First Baptist Church in Itta Bena, Mississippi. Either address will place the funds in the proper hands for erection of the buildings.

Yours in Christian service,

A. L. GATEWOOD, Pastor,  
First Baptist Church,  
Itta Bena, Mississippi.



## Sparks & Splinters

For the benefit of all concerned: There will be no issue of The Baptist Record on December 29. The Christmas week issue of December 22 will be the last issue in 1949.

INDIRECTLY THE BAPTIST RECORD has learned that Rev. L. D. Posey, former pastor at Long Beach and other Mississippi churches passed away recently in Monroe, La. Dr. Posey retired from the active pastorate a few years ago and since that time had lived at Monroe. He was the father of Dr. S. G. Posey, pastor of Calvary Church, Berkeley, California, and president of the California Southern Baptist Convention. Further information is not available as we go to press.

AS OF DECEMBER 18, THE TOTAL amount pledged for the 1950 Budget of the Main-Street Church, Hattiesburg, is \$94,134.00 and there are 845 pledged tithers. The goal was set at \$85,000.00. Dr. John E. Barnes is the pastor.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF W. G. MIZE, Baptist Orphanage Superintendent, will be pleased to know that he is rapidly recovering from a recent heart attack. He has been moved from the Baptist Hospital and is now at the Orphanage. He asks that the Record extend his thanks for the cards, letters, phone calls and visits that have been so helpful during his hospital days.

REV. W. L. HOWSE, WHO HAS BEEN living in Florida since his retirement from the active pastorate several years ago, has returned to Jackson and is now living at the King Hotel. He is available to serve as supply or to help in study course work.

THE OAKDALE, W.M.S. MET EACH day during the W.M.U. Week of Prayer to study the purpose of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. A total of \$83 was given by the W.M.S.

O. R. DANIELS, OF VAUGHN, RECENTLY led in a church music training course, at the First Church, Oberlin, La. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Logan, speaks in very complimentary terms of Mr. Daniels and his work.

DR. J. E. RAWLINSON, PASTOR OF the First Baptist Church, Arangeburg, has been elected as executive secretary of the South Carolina Foundation.

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION of Carke Memorial College has chosen for one of its projects "Carrying Christ to the Sick at Christmas." They have made Christmas cards from old cards and art paper; cards for breakfast trays; holly leaves from construction paper; Santa Clauses from paper and Christmas seals, and other similar things which will cheer the sick on Christmas Day. Inside each of these verses from the Bible are written. These will be sent to the hospitals, jails, and orphanages, especially to the children of these places.

AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE Alabama Baptist Convention, State Secretary A. H. Reid reported total gifts for the year of \$1,566,737. Compared with 1948, there was an increase of \$35,959 in Cooperative Program gifts and \$92,433 in designated gifts and a total increase of \$132,402 in all contributions. Dr. Reid also reported that during the four years previous to 1949 the church membership increased 17 percent and baptisms, 38 percent.

PAGING STEVE SWAN—THIS PARTICULAR Steve Swan must have served overseas in the Northern Territory of Australia with the 738 Military Police Battalion during World War Two. If you know this Steve Swan, please have him get in touch with the State Veterans Affairs Commission in the War Veterans Memorial Building, in Jackson, Mississippi. If Steve acts promptly his Christmas may be quite a bit merrier.

PRESIDENT D. M. NELSON AND DR. A. Donald Bell just returned from a three day meeting of college administrators at Hot Springs National Park, sponsored by the American College Public Relations Association. Business included discussions of fund raising; college promotions and publications; college publicity; college Alumni work; and similar subjects of a college promotional nature. The 1950 meeting will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"PROGRESS AT PETAL-HARVEY, HATTIESBURG" is the title of an article in the January issue of the Sunday School Builder. The author is Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff, wife of the Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, pastor of the Calvary Church, Waynesboro, but formerly pastor of the Petal-Harvey Church.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. L. W. Stanger, Brandon, Rev. W. L. Hose, Jackson, Rev. G. W. Smith, Lena, and Rev. E. L. Howell, Foxworth, Mrs. G. D. Williams, Brookhaven, Miss.

### FOR SALE

One 40 by 60 Tent in good condition, and one Public Address System with two speakers, also in good condition. Please address to G. A. Hall, Glen, Miss.

REV. EARL C. EDWARDS ASSISTED Dr. J. L. Boyd of First Baptist Church, DeWitt, Arkansas, in a revival Nov. 28-Dec. 7. There were 16 additions. Dr. Body is a former pastor of the Inverness Church.

LINN CHURCH IN SUNFLOWER County held a BTU Study Course November 28-Dec. 2. There were 65 awards granted. Rev. W. Martin Smith is the pastor and Mrs. H. B. Grans is the director.

DR. JOHN NEWPORT, FORMER pastor at Clinton, has resigned the pastorate of the Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in order to join the Baylor University Bible Department. His wife is the former Eddie Bell Leavell, whose father, Dr. Frank Leavell, recently passed away.

THERE IS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE in the December issue of the Commission entitled "A Look at Europe from Louisville." The author is Dr. A. Donald Bell of the Mississippi College faculty.

REV. CHESTER L. QUARLES, FORMERLY pastor of the First Church, Leland, and now pastor of the First Church, Sylacauga, Alabama, was recently elected chairman of the State Executive Board of Alabama.

A CHRISTMAS REVIVAL HAS BEEN planned by the Eastside Church, Jackson, and will begin on Christmas Day and extend through New Year's Day. Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke College, will do the preaching. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Rev. L. S. Polk is the pastor.

THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE SUNDAY School Builder contains an interesting article entitled "Adults Set the Pace in Sunday School Work." The author is Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

THE EAST MOSS POINT CHOIR PRESENTED the Christmas cantata "Chorus in the Skies" on December 18, with Arnold Simmons as director and Mrs. Earl Perkins as accompanist.

THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE BAPTIST Student Magazine contains an interesting article by Frank Hart Smith, a recent graduate of Mississippi College. The subject of the article is "Revival at Mississippi College."

### JOHN WILLIAM PROVINE

WHEREAS GOD, in His infinite wisdom was pleased to lend to this world for a short space of time, John William Provine, to perform a specific task that was to touch the lives of many men, and,

WHEREAS GOD, directed the footsteps of this man in preparing him for the task that would lead him into fields, where he could perform noble and glorious services to his fellowman, and,

WHEREAS, the field of service was opened to him early in life, his footsteps guided for the glorious and noble work at Mississippi College, and, as time passed, he put his heart, soul, and life into the tasks laid out for him, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. J. W. Provine, increased in stature, and wisdom, gaining the respect and admiration of his fellowman, and,

WHEREAS, he loved his fellowman—was at all times ready and willing to give good counsel, inspiration, and a helping hand to all who sought his counsel in their problems, no matter how large or small, even though it meant a personal sacrifice on his part, and,

WHEREAS, he took an active part in the civic and religious life of his community, being elected to serve his town in an official capacity, and serving his church for fifty years or more, as a Deacon, with honor to his church and community, and,

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1949, God saw fit to call Dr. Provine to receive his Heavenly reward and for a more noble and glorious work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Deacons of Clinton Baptist Church, hereby express our profound sorrow at his absence from us and our sincere gratitude to God for sending him to us, and,

THAT, we express our deep and heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, and,

THAT, we encouraged by the nobility of his example, shall labor together in the unity of the faith, in the service of our Heavenly Father, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread at large on the minutes of the Board of Deacons, a copy be furnished to the family of Dr. J. W. Provine, and a copy be sent to the BAPTIST RECORD, and the newspapers for publication.

Deacons of the Clinton Baptist Church  
Clinton, Mississippi

## STORIES for YOUTH

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### CRIPPLE TOM



Sketched by  
Elmer Peterfen

The Christian Education Co.  
Highland 111

WHEN I ASKED ABOUT WHO DROPPED THE BIBLE VERSES, AND HEARD WHO YOU WERE, AND HOW YOU DID IT, AND WHY, I FELT SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF, THAT I LOOKED TO GOD AND PROMISED TO WORK FOR HIM AS FAITHFULLY AS I COULD. IT WAS YOUR PAPER THAT DID IT. AT MY HOME IN THE COUNTRY, I HAVE A SICK BOY DYING. I HAD TO COME TO TOWN ON NECESSARY BUSINESS. WHEN I KISSED HIM GOODBYE, HE SAID, "FATHER, I WISH I HAD DONE SOME WORK FOR JESUS. I CAN NOT BEAR TO MEET HIM EMPTY HANDED." WHEN YOUR NOTE FELL PASSED MY FACE, IT SEEMED LIKE A COMMAND FROM HEAVEN. IT HAS CAUSED ME TO THINK. I HAVE CALLED MYSELF A CHRISTIAN FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS AND NEVER DID MUCH TO SHOW MY RELIGION. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL HELP ME TO WORK FOR HIM FAITHFULLY.

TELL ME, SON, HOW DO YOU GET SUCH GOOD PAPER TO WRITE ON?

OH, THAT'S NOT HARD, YOU SEE, MOST DAYS GRANNY BRINGS ME A GLASS OF MILK. I OFFERED I WOULD GO WITHOUT MY MILK, IF SHE WOULD BUY ME SOME PAPER. YOU KNOW SIR, I CAN'T LAST LONG. A BIT OF MILK IS NOT MUCH TO GIVE UP FOR MY JESUS.

TO KNOW JESUS IS TO LOVE HIM, AND TO LOVE HIM IS TO WORK FOR HIM.

YOU'RE RIGHT TOM, BUT HOW ABOUT YOURSELF, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO END YOUR DAYS IN ONE OF THOSE HOMES FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, WHERE YOU WOULD BE NURSED AND CARED FOR.

OH, THANK YOU SIR! I'VE HEARD TELL OF THEM BEFORE, BUT I'M NOT EAGER TO DIE EASY WHEN CHRIST DIED HARD. I MIGHT GET TAKEN UP WITH THESE THINGS TOO MUCH. I'D RATHER BE A-LOOKING FOR HIM AND A-CARRYING ON THIS WORK TILL HE COMES TO FETCH ME. PLENTY OF JOY FOR A BOY LIKE ME TO HAVE A PLACE UP THERE WITH HIM FOREVER.

### DALLAS, TEXAS.—(BP)—

The recent opening of two additional Bible chairs brings to 16 the total number now being sponsored by Texas Baptists. Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos and Texas Western College at El Paso are the sites of the two newly-opened chairs. They are housed in Baptist student centers on properties owned by the state convention which serve as meeting places for devotional, promotional, social, and Bible study activities.

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ANY CHURCH WITH A mimeograph will find profit in CHURCH PUBLICITY PACKET BOOK by James P. Kirk and published by the Broadman Press (75c). It contains 50 pages of mimeograph designs that have been "tried and found successful." The purpose of the book is to provide designs which can be adapted to almost any phase of the church life.



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary --- Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



MISS EDNA LABBOUS

Miss Edna Labbous, of our Baptist Hospital, Jackson, will bring the closing message at our Training Union Convention, December 30. She will use as her subject, "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Others Do Unto You." Miss Labbous will include in her message a personal testimony of how she found Christ as her Savior, and what He means to her life. Her experience of Salvation is a most unusual one.

### A Personal Message From The Training Union Staff

Dear Friends:

In an editorial recently in one of our Baptist papers, the editor brought out the fact that a poll had been taken in his state of a large number of individuals who had gone from Baptist Churches into other religious organizations, and NOT ONE of them had ever been a member of a Baptist Training Union!

The above should be argument enough to every church, and to every leader to make a "New Year's Resolution" to the effect that in 1950 a vigorous effort would be made to enlist for participation in the Training Union every member of every church!

The results of our 1949 Training Union Program are most encouraging; 425 new unions organized, 22,641 study course awards issued—2,641 more than our goal for the year. Every association had at least one study course and received awards, and our staff of five spent at least one day in each of our 72 associations.

These achievements were possible because of YOU my friend. Your co-operation has been greatly appreciated, and we are taking this means of expressing a word of sincere appreciation.

We bring to a close a fruitful year with our State Training Union Convention. Two days this year in order to have as a part of our convention a great music festival, which is now a definite part of our Training Union Program. Plan to be with us in this meeting.

1950, now in bud, will blossom into a full blown flower within a few short weeks. Awaiting us is the challenge of our theme for the year, "IN CHRIST, IS GOD'S EVERLASTING, YES." "Christ is the Answer!" Let us write that in our hearts, and seek to place it in the heart of every member of our

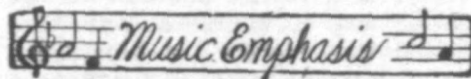
organization. We want numbers, yes; We want efficiency, yes; but these must stem from a growing desire to magnify Christ.

For Christmas and the New Year, we extend to you our best wishes, with a prayer of thanksgiving for you, and a promise of loyalty to you, as we work together through the days ahead for Him.

Sincerely,  
AUBER J. WILDS  
W. C. MORGAN  
ALENE JOHNSON  
GLADYS BRYANT  
LOUISE HILL  
MRS. J. C. GREENOE

### ADULT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR CONVENTION

Thursday Afternoon (2-5 p. m.)  
2:00- 2:15—Devotional.  
2:15- 3:15—Open Discussion—Led by Mr. J. E. Lambdin.  
3:15- 4:15—Human Interest Stories from Mission Fields.  
4:15- 4:40—Available Materials and How to Use Them.  
Friday Morning (9-10:15 a. m.)  
9:00- 9:15—Devotional.  
9:15-10:15—Short Demonstrations on Better Training Union Methods.



### State Convention Schedule For Ensembles and Hymn Players

For the benefit of hymn players and ensembles who plan to participate in the State Festival, a schedule of these activities are listed below.

**LARGE ENSEMBLES:** Large ensembles consisting of thirteen or more members will participate in the contest section beginning at 10:55 on Thursday morning, December 29. Ensembles will sing before the entire convention, and will be rated by a group of pre-selected judges.

**ALL HYMN PLAYERS:** The Junior and Intermediate hymn players will play beginning at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon of December 29. These hymn players will be rated by pre-selected judges as above. These hymn playing contests will be held in the respective junior and intermediate departments, and all Superior rating hymn players will play before the entire convention on Friday morning, December 30.

**SMALL ENSEMBLES:** All small ensembles will sing in the contest section of the convention on Friday morning, December 30, beginning at 10:45 a. m. At this time these ensembles will be rated by pre-selected judges as above. Small ensembles consist of not less than six and not more than twelve members.

**MASS CHORUS:** All ensembles will sing in a mass chorus on Thursday night, December 29, in concert. Although the small ensembles are not scheduled to sing in the contest until Friday, December 30, it is hoped that everyone of them will make plans to be here and sing in the mass chorus. Ensembles who desire to remain overnight will be able to secure reservations in the homes of the people for \$1.00 per night per person. If such accommodations should be desired in advance, please contact Mrs. Lewis H. Yarbrough, Box 1137, Jackson, Mississippi. A great Music festival is coming.

### Hebron Names Building Committee

Hebron Church in Jones County has voted to begin immediately on plans for an educational building. The church has just completed a 7-room parsonage and the pastor, Rev. Tommie Fant, stated that the house may be used to care for the juniors and intermediates to relieve the urgent need for additional Sunday School rooms.

On December 4 the attendance was 178, which is 300 percent more than three years ago. Weldon Pickering is the superintendent.

The following will serve on the building committee: Longino Reddoch, chairman; R. C. Meador, Merrell Pickering, Tom Robinson, and Ware Reddoch.

### BAY ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PAY OFF DEBT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day, December 25, has been designated as "Victory Sunday" by the First Church, Bay St. Louis. On this day the church will seek to pay its entire indebtedness of \$2,500 so that the church may be dedicated "debt free" on January 1, 1950.

The First Church completed its new building and Sunday School in November, 1947 at a cost of \$48,000. A total of \$43,000 was paid upon completion, leaving a debt of \$5,000 which has been paid at a rate of \$100 per month since that date.

It is almost a certainty that the \$2,500 will be raised on Christmas day and plans are now laid for the Dedication Sunday, January 1, 1950.

"Victory Sunday" services will include messages by the pastor, John T. Dearing, Jr., and special Christmas music. Each member of the church is being asked to make a special Christmas Gift to the Lord in the form of a special contribution for the retirement of the debt.

### EAST McCOMB HAS MUSIC PROGRAM

A Music Festival on December 18 was presented by the choir of East McComb Church under the direction of Herman Lazarus. The Youth Choir presented "The World's Redeemer," and several numbers were given by the Angel and Carol Choirs. Mrs. Earl C. Edwards is accompanist.

The choir also presented a Music Festival at Thanksgiving when a Baby Building and The W. A. Gill Chapel were dedicated. The Baby Building was formerly a dwelling, having recently been purchased and renovated at a total cost of \$5,500. The chapel consists of a 300 capacity auditorium, a W. M. U. parlor, a kitchen and 12 adult class rooms. The latter is valued at \$14,000.

Rev. Earl C. Edwards is the pastor.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 26—Rex Reed, Tupelo, Foundation Trustee; W. C. Hester, Jackson, Baptist Hospital trustee.  
December 27—Rev. Joe Odle, Gulfport, Mississippi Education Commission; W. A. Taylor, Clarke College trustee.  
December 28—Dr. Charles L. McKay, Pascagoula, Woman's College Trustee; F. L. Fair, Winston County Convention Board member.  
December 29—Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, Brown, Kosciusko, Baptist Or-Clarke College faculty; Lester phanage trustee.  
December 30—State Training Union Convention; J. W. Perry, Jr., Grenada, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.  
December 31—Dr. G. Norman Price, Jackson, Blue Mountain College; Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Ministerial Education.  
January 1—Rev. Luther K. Turner, Perry County Convention Board member.

## Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director  
Box 530 --- Phone 3-9106 --- Jackson

### PLEASANT VALLEY HAD A GREAT DAY

Open violation of prohibition laws in certain places in Simpson county has disturbed the Christian people throughout the county. Several of the pastors and churches are very much concerned about the conditions. Pastor Jimmy Yarbrough planned for a Temperance Day Rally in his church at Pleasant Valley for Sunday, December 4. It was my privilege to be with them for three services with dinner served at the church. At the close of the evening service seven choice men volunteered to serve on a Temperance committee of that church. The entire congregation pledged their prayers. They are setting out with the determination to close the honkey-tonks opening up around them. Let us join them for a victorious campaign against these flagrant violations of law in their county. It is unreasonable that God's people sit idly by twiddling their thumbs while these criminals destroy their children and wreck their homes. God and right are on our side. What we need is courage to "press the battle to the gate." These buzzards of hell simply cannot operate when God's people awake, arise, and attack.

### THE LEGISLATURE FACES LIQUOR BILL

The advocates of legalized whiskey for Mississippi did not take us by surprise when they introduced a bill in the legislature to legalize hard whiskey in Mississippi. They have not been idle at any time but they are doing everything possible to throw Mississippi into the wet column. Of course their interest is their own personal gain. The bill was tacked onto the road bill as a revenue measure. Beverage alcohol has never paid its way, to say nothing of supplying needed revenue for other things.

Even if there could be revenue gained from the legalized sale of liquor it would be roads versus the morale of the people. It would be roads versus human beings. Christian people put people before property. If there could be revenue gained by the legal sale of beverage alcohol every dime of it would be blood money. Who would vote to pay taxes with their boys and girls rather than with their dollars. We had better drive on dirt roads rather than to travel over paved roads with the blood of our people, especially our young people, mixed with the concrete.



## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL  
December 25

GOD'S MESSIAH. Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:1-17;  
11:1-17. Jeremiah 33:14-18. Luke 2.

### I. AN EXAMPLE OF INSPIRATION

Pretty soon now Mississippi will again be electing a governor. Rumors have been gaining currency as to each of a number of citizens who may attempt to be elected. Nobody knows yet. It may be some man whose name has not yet been mentioned. No man on earth can say who is to be governor and know that he knows, even a few months ahead.

But here before us in this prophecy is not to be born for more than seven hundred years yet, and the word has been verified by the event just as that event is in the prophecy foretold. Here then is an example of the inerrancy of this word of God. Though decades, centuries, millenniums may stretch between the utterance of the prophecy and its fulfillment, every word of God stands sure, every predictive prophecy will be fulfilled in God's own time.

### II. THE COMING GOLDEN AGE

Isaiah 2:2-4

This word says there will come a day when people will seek instruction in the wisdom of Jehovah, will seek it themselves not only, but will invite their neighbors also to go with them to learn in the school of the Allwise. Learning that He is the Just One, and having come to hunger and thirst after justice, they will submit themselves to the justice of Jehovah and He will judge between the nations. When Jehovah has won into the hearts of the nations, there will come the reign of peace on the earth when the Prince of Peace shall reign in righteousness.

### III. THE KING IS COMING IN THE FASHION OF A MAN

Isaiah 9:2-7

It is the people of Galilee of the gentiles, the land of mixed-blooded people, the paths trodden by the heterogeneous multitude, the junction of the highways where cross the crowded ways of men and sound the confused voices of race and clan that the multitudes in the twilight zone of dim and deceptive lights and shadows that the true light shall shine.

The people of Jehovah who dwell in this dim land, both Jews and gentiles who will come to the fold of Jehovah's faithful sheep shall rejoice in the true light as men rejoice at the harvest home, as victorious soldiers rejoice when they divide the fruits of conquest. The oppressors of God's people shall be overthrown and the bearers of His banners shall march in triumph over every foe to the advancement of His kingdom.

And the reason for this joy is that the King is coming in God's good time. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder." He is to be a child, a human being, a brother, and the second clause declares His royalty. He is coming to the throne of a king, to reign, to sway the scepter of dominion over a kingdom of willing and loyal subjects who shall rejoice in the service of their sovereign.

### IV. THE KING SHALL RULE FOREVER

Verse 7

This is a prophecy of the enduring quality of the kingdom of our Lord. It shall grow in scope and sovereign sway. It shall never suffer loss, but shall increase to all eternity. The one government that shall endure the wreck and ruin of all other kingdoms and rules and authorities, shall survive the fiercest storms that shall wrack and shake the world. If, then, any man would link his life to a movement that shall never fail, yea, a kingdom that shall suffer no

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### ROCK HILL IS IN

Rev. B. E. Craft is a long time friend of the Baptist Record. Having experienced the benefits of the EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record in other churches he lost no time in leading Rock Hill Church, Rankin County to adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

A list of 16 has been received with instructions to send the monthly statements to the treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Savoy, Route 2, Brandon.

Rankin County now has Record readers listed as follows: Antioch, 46; Barefoot, 21; Bethel, 21; Brandon, 76; Briar Hill, 47; Cato, 41; Clear Branch, 49; Concord, 36; County Line, 40; East Side, 47; Fannin, 17; Galilee, 3; Hickory Ridge 35; Johns, 28; Leesburg, 68; Liberty, 21; Cross Roads, 44; Mountain Creek, 25; Mt. Pisgah, 42; Oakdale, 54; Paul Truitt Memo., 59; Pearl City, 41; Pearson, 20; Pelahatchie, 77; Puckett, 43; Rehobeth, 28; Richland, 100; Rock Bluff, 25; Rock Hill, 16; Star, 48; Steens Creek, 113; Union 30.

### PINOLA

Although pastorless for months, Pinola Church has gone forward with a building program and now has a modern plant that is a joy to all of its members. There were four additions.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 16; Beulah, 72; Braxton, 49; Coats, 16; D'Lo, 2; Bethlehem (Fork), 49; Good-

disaster, meet no defeat, but go on forever growing in power and potency and perfection, let him link his royalty to this.

### V. RIGHTEOUSNESS AND RESTORATION

Isaiah 11:1-5

In verse one, the declaration is made that out of the stump of a tree which has been hewn down, a sprout shall grow into a stately and fruitful tree. And the stump is the house, the family of Jesse, the father of David the king. His house has long gone into eclipse and there seemed no slightest hope that one of his family should rise to ascend the royal throne left vacant by the fall of David's line in the fall of Judah and Jerusalem, but this prophecy states that David's house shall have an heir at length and that he shall bear fruit, do work, perform deeds to the glory of his father David and of David's God.

Verse 2 says that upon this tree, this man who shall come from the family of David, the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him and impart unto Him wisdom and understanding and counsel and might and knowledge and the fear of Jehovah. This verse sets forth the character of the Man as estimated by the need of the times. This was then as now a need for character in people to give stability in justice to the world.

What do you delight in? Tell me that, and I'll tell you what you are. His delight is in the fear of Jehovah. He taketh delight in doing the righteous will of Jehovah, in establishing His truth and justice in the world, of showing the real character of the wrong by throwing upon it the white light of the beauty and grace and goodness of God. Have you tried to do that at any time? Have you "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your beautiful works and glorify your Father who is in heaven?"

water, 17; Harrisville, 40; Jupiter, 26; Macedonia, 55; Magee, 179; Mendenhall, 105; Mt. Zion, 97; New Hope, 21; Palestine, 32; Pine Grove, 32; Pinola, 49; Pleasant Hill, 66; Pleasant Valley, 44; Poplar Springs, 40; Shivers, 31; Siloam, 31; Stonewall, 31; Strong River, 34; New Bethlehem, 10; Everitt, 12; Holly Grove, 34; Oak Grove, 64.

### MT. OLIVE

The work of Mt. Olive continues to make progress under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Joe W. Hudson. Present plans include: a new parsonage, a renovated church, a new heating system and a new church roof.

During the fall and winter the pastor plans to emphasize stewardship. Two have recently been baptized, one as a result of the Vacation Bible School.

Record readers in Covington county are now listed as follows: Calvary, 9; Collins, 59; Leaf River, 32; Lebanon, 33; Mt. Horeb, 39; Mt. Olive, 122; New Hope, 41; Ora, 2; Rock Hill, 1; Salem, 113; Sanford, 36; Seminary, 41; Williamsburg, 41; Willow Grove, 38.

### PLEASANT GROVE, CLARKE COUNTY

Pleasant Grove Church, Clarke County, is a recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. A nice list was recently sent in by Mrs. C. L. White.

Record readers in Clarke County are now listed as follows: Center Grove, 2; Crandall, 1; DeSoto, 13; Elam, 42; Enterprise, 71; Harmony, 43; Hepzibah, 1; Knights Valley, 18; Mt. Rose, 41; Oak Grove, 19; Pachuta, 26; Pine Grove, 2; Pine Hill, 24; Pleasant Grove, 37; Pleasant Hill, 15; Quitman, 124; Rolling Creek, 32; Shubuta, 51; Souenlovie, 27; Stonewall, 148; Union, 1.

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On the evening of November 20, 1949, Edward Atkinson, Sr., of Pickens, went home.

His family sustained an unusual loss for he was a noble husband, an affectionate father of nine admirable children.

Brother Atkinson had the balanced prosperity of which the beloved John wrote to Gains. Consequently, his church, his town, the needy, the orphanages, hospitals, and colleges lost a most valuable friend and supporter. His gifts went into many thousands of dollars annually, yet he was a humble man with a genuine and conscious religious experience. He was superior—an excellent Bible reader and interpreter, a deacon, a lover of the best, a great friend to humanity, a man of understanding, of honesty and integrity. Because of his faith and good deeds his heavenly rewards are great.

Brother Atkinson was chairman of the Pickens Baptist Church building committee. His desire—the best possible temple without debt—will soon be realized as the beautiful structure is nearing completion. While Brother Atkinson will not have the joy of worshiping in the new building, he will have the exalted privilege of worshiping in his building of God—a house not made with hands, but eternal in heaven.

R. B. GUNTER.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS WILL BENEFIT FROM INCREASE IN 1951 BUDGET

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Most important of the changes in the proposed 1951 Southwide Cooperative Program Budget, if adopted by the Convention, will be an additional \$250,000 for foreign missions and \$200,000 for two new seminaries.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, in commenting on the significance of the increase said, "I am going back and tell the department of personnel of the Foreign Mission Board to plan to step up appointment of new missionaries to 100 (from 75 as planned) in 1950 on the basis of the 1951 budget action taken today."

### HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Dr. Robert G. Lee.

December 25—subject: "Who Is This Christ?"

### Stations in Mississippi

At 2:30 p. m. Sundays: WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; at 3 p. m. over WFOR, Hattiesburg, and at 4 p. m. over WGCM, Gulfport.

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## Southern Baptist Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN,  
Executive Secretary

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Secretary Education and Promotion

### Dr. Gill Will Visit Latin American Field

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, will spend January and February in Latin America by authorization of the Foreign Mission Board in session December 8.

Dr. Gill will confer with executive committees of five Latin American Mission groups, inspect new stations opened since 1947, study personnel needs and proposed building plans, restudy theological education in Spanish-speaking areas, confer with new missionaries studying in languages-schools in Colombia and Brazil, and collect material for mission study books to be published in 1951.

### Cauten to Return to States

Dr. Baker J. Cauten and his family expect to leave Hong Kong the latter part of December to return to the States for a minimum of six months or perhaps a year. They will come by way of India and Dr. Cauten will bring recommendations on the establishment of missions in India after a visit there en route to this country. He expects to arrive about February 20.

In a report mailed from Hong Kong, Secretary Cauten told of the Communist advance over the last China mission stations with the taking of Kweilin and Wuchow. Missionaries in those cities were reported safe and mission work behind Communist lines is still progressing. It is possible now for missionaries to secure travel permits within Communist territory and mail is going to Shanghai by ship with no indications of censorship.

### McGlamery Here from Colombia

Dr. Roy C. McGlamery, who recently secured a license to practice medicine in Colombia, spoke to the Board on medical needs in that republic. He proposes a fifty-bed hospital, twenty beds for charity patients and thirty for paying patients. Catholics have charity hospitals in Colombia, he said, but Baptists cannot enter them unless they take Catholic vows. Practicing nurses in Colombia often have very little medical training. Dr. McGlamery said, and hospitals are needed to give nurses' training as much as to care for the sick.

### Appropriations

Funds appropriated by the Board included \$12,400 for property in Manresa, Spain; \$35,000 for building missionary apartments and an orphanage dormitory in Rome, Italy; \$12,000 to aid Baptist groups in foreign countries to send representatives to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Cleveland next July; and \$20,000 for construction of a church in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Smaller amounts were appropriated to operate an airplane in North Brazil, establish a Baptist center in Encarnacion, Paraguay, purchase a missionary residence in the Hawaiian Islands, and supply salaries for two Japanese-Americans to be employed by the Japan Baptist Convention.

### MISSIONARY GEORGE H. LACY

Dr. George H. Lacy, director of the Lacy Bible school in Morelia, Mexico, died November 27 in Morelia. His body was laid to rest in Saltillo, Mexico.

Appointed in 1903, Dr. Lacy was the last of the veteran missionaries whose service dates back beyond the revolution that brought mission work in

Mexico to a standstill early in this century. When he reached missionary retirement age in 1935, he "retired" to Mexico and became director of the preachers' training school which bears his name. It is controlled by the Mexican Baptist Convention.

A Mexican national said of Dr. Lacy: "He ate our food and identified himself with us so completely that he often said 'We Mexicans.'"

### WHAT IS A MISSIONARY CALL?

Is it possible that some of our people are sincerely mistaken as to what constitutes a missionary call?

"Surely this must be true, since 110 ministers choose to remain in the Southland for every minister who actually goes outside the continental United States," says Mr. Samuel E. Maddox, personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. Maddox asked several foreign missionaries to define their missionary call. Here are a few of the responses:

When God called me to preach, one missionary stated, I did not say, "Yes, Lord, if you will assure me that my entire ministry will be in the south of the United States of America." His was an unconditional surrender.

I wanted to go where the need was greatest, another said, and I realized many ministers were willing to serve in the States, while only a few were willing to go overseas.

Christ's command is "Go ye," said another; I could never get away from the personal application of that.

I wanted the privilege of preaching to people who were not "gospel-hardened," was the surprising reply of another.

Mr. Maddox lists four factors which should be present in every missionary call:

- (1) A consciousness that humanity is lost without Christ.
- (2) The feeling that one has adequate preparation—spiritually, mentally and physically.
- (3) An unconditional surrender to be used wherever God needs one most in his program of redemption.
- (4) A definite conviction that God wants one to serve overseas.

We have 25,545 Baptist ministers in the South; only 231 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are ministers. Is this a fair proportion when the need is so much greater among people who have never heard the gospel?

### NOTES FROM MISSION FIELDS

**Uruguayan Missions**  
Radio Norte Baptist Church in Montevideo dedicated a new building October 9. A week of evangelistic services followed the dedication, with Pastor Lorenzo Pluis of the Once Baptist Church of Buenos Aires preaching. Missionary B. W. Orrick baptized eight following the services and expected to baptize five more before the end of the year.

A Baptist church was organized at Paysandu, city of 50,000 people, on November 20. An annual pastors' encampment was held in Paysandu the week preceding and many pastors remained for the dedicatory service.

### From Brazil

Southern Baptists are purchasing a tract of land with a large building in Santa Maria, state of Rio Grande do

**BOBBY KELLY, A CLARKE MEMORIAL**  
College student, touched the hearts of many when he spoke from his wheelchair in the last chapel service before the Christmas Holidays, thanking everyone for what they had done for him. "I want to thank everyone... especially the boys who have helped me up and down the stairs, carried me from building to building, helped me to the bus for church and the many other deeds of love and kindness they have shown me."

**Sul.** The building, located on one of the highest points in the city, will be adapted for church use, supplying an auditorium and class rooms for educational work. Rev. and Mrs. Dan Sharpley, missionaries, hope their state convention will meet in the new building in February and that an extension course of the South Brazil seminary will be held there in April.

A Baptist clinic has been opened in Mandaguari, with Rev. and Mrs. Joaquim Seveiro in charge. He is pastor of the Baptist church and a graduate of the Rio Baptist seminary; she is a nurse. The clinic is operated by the Baptist association in northern Parana, composed of thirteen churches.

### Missions in Thailand

The China missionaries transferred to Bangkok have been unable to secure a chapel in the Cantonese community. Consequently, they have devoted their time to street preaching and making trips into near-by Chinese farming villages where they preach in the market places. Missionary Edward D. Galloway has organized a Bible study class of about thirty members who aid in the street preaching. In addition, the missionaries are continuing their study of Cantonese in order to be ready to resume work in China when they re-enter.

**SCOTT COUNTY TRAINING UNION**  
Association met at Forest on December 5, with Clifton Brown, Associational director, presiding. Rev. Young Gerrard gave the inspirational message. Rev. Owen Smith is the Associational missionary.

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## Alien Immersion And Open Communion

By REV. VIRGIL RATCLIFF

In a recent letter setting forth his personal opinions relative to the matter of alien immersion and open communion in our Southern Baptist churches Dr. J. B. Lawrence said, "... all over the Convention there are churches and pastors which receive alien immersion ..."

In the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Convention a resolution was passed stating, "Messengers would not be accepted from churches with alien immersion, open communion, or members of the Federal Council."

Among some of the brethren it is generally accepted as a fact that some of our churches and pastors in Mississippi—if not guilty of practicing these practices. This is a situation to be deplored. In a recent letter Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary said, "It is a question upon which Southern Baptists are divided." He stated that, "The majority of Southern Baptists, perhaps a rather large majority, do not practice alien immersion and open communion, BUT CERTAINLY A NUMBER OF THEM DO."

I know preachers in Mississippi who teach the tolerant attitude towards the matter of alien immersion. I know men masquerading under the name of Baptist Deacons who go regularly to the Communion table of my Methodist brethren; and Episcopalian, Methodist and Presbyterian friends who go regularly to what the Baptist group call the "Lord's Supper." This ought not so to be.

If we refuse to do nothing will these forces not grow more insistent in their encroachment upon our Baptist interpretation of the Scriptures? Is not "Baptism the immersion in water of a regenerated believer on the Lord Jesus Christ by a man who, himself, has been so immersed, and upon the authority of a New Testament church?" Is not the Lord's Supper for the members of the local church? Here is an honest question: do our Baptist colleges and seminaries teach the historic, Biblical, Baptist stand on these matters, or do they say to the students that they may believe whatever they choose?

Dr. Willis J. Ray, president of Grand Canyon College, our Baptist liberal arts college in Arizona, writer, "Our churches (Arizona) make it a policy to acknowledge baptism at the hands of any New Testament Baptist church which practices New Testament principles and doctrines ... when a Baptist church ceases to practice New Testament doctrines, then it ceases to be a sound, orthodox Baptist church. When it practices Pedo doctrines, that is, alien immersion and open communion ... then such a church fails to be an orthodox New Testament church."

No convention has any authority over a New Testament church. It does, however, have the authority to refuse to seat any messenger from such a church as practices these things. I am aware that no association has the right to interfere in the working of any member church. It can, on the other hand, regulate its own membership as pertains to the matter of such practices. I plead with you, brethren, let us find a solution somewhere.

## BELZONI BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED ON DEC. 7

A Brotherhood was organized at the Belzoni Church on December 7. Officers were elected as follows: Kenneth Garrison, president; Robert Love Townsend, membership vice-president; Hugh R. Varnado, Jr., program vice-president; Leonard Cohn, activities vice-president; L. G. North, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was held following a delicious chicken dinner, at which W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood secretary, was speaker. There were 27 men present to hear the report of the committee previously appointed to draw a Constitution and By-laws for the organization.

Rev. C. A. Molpus is pastor of the church.

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## MINISTERS 'PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS'

MARSHVILLE, N. C.—(RNS)—A committee of ministers here has succeeded in its efforts to "put Christ back into Christmas."

In former years, Christmas was marked by a parade and a beauty pageant. This year, thanks to the clergymen, the official Marshville celebration consisted of the unveiling of a huge painting of the Nativity scene and the singing of Christmas carols.

Members of the churchmen's committee included the Rev. Hubert S. Mumford, Baptist, and Dr. W. C. Leonard, Methodist.

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## Ruth Brotherhood Has Supper

The Brotherhood of Ruth Church entertained all the men of the church and their wives at a supper in the cafeteria of the Ruth Vocational School.

Golden Mason led in the invocation, and introduced Henry Maxwell, as Professor I. Q. Mr. Maxwell also served as chairman of the menu committee.

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## EBENEZER HAS REVIVAL

Ebenezer Church in Jeff Davis County held a revival November 27-December 2. There were ten professions of faith made during the week.

The church and its various organizations are continuing to make progress under the leadership of Pastor Doyles Caples. Recently 34 attended the quarterly Brotherhood social. Eighteen attended the W.M.S. Week of Prayer Program.

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## JULIAN P. (JACK) MASSENGILL

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to take from us on Oct. 19, 1949, our dear cousin, Jack Massengill.

He lived to be 73 years old, a devoted husband, loving father, loved one, and friend to all.

Cousin Jack loved his Lord, his church and was true to it. He had been a member of Fellowship Baptist Church since early in life.

We can only say to Cousin Mattie (companion) and children, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

He suffered so much here in this life but we know that in Heaven there is no sickness, sorrow, or death, and we know some day we can all be joined together there where the family circle will never be broken. We, his loved ones, the church and community, bow in submission to the will of the Lord and pray God's richest blessing on the family in this time of sorrow and loneliness.

REV. AND MRS. L. R. MASSEY



## RHODES BEGINS WORK AS PASTOR AT CARSON

Rev. S. J. Rhodes has begun his work as pastor of the Carson Church. He formerly served as pastor of Bethel Church in Pearl River County.

On December 1 four members of the Carson Church came with two trucks to move the new pastor into the Carson parsonage. Following prayer service led by the Rev. Mr. Rhodes that night, the membership gave the Rhodes family a shower, including many good things to eat.

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## D. C. BAPTISTS REPORT MEMBERSHIP OF 28,882

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—District of Columbia Baptists reported at their recent convention 1323 baptisms and 1813 other additions during the year, bringing their total membership to 28,882, according to R. Edward Dowdy, editor, *Capitol Baptist*, official paper for Washington Baptists. Sunday School enrolment was announced as 21,473. All churches contributed to all causes a total of \$1,488,885.78.

New officers for the convention are Rev. Frank Burrell, pastor, Fountain Memorial Church, president; Herbert Ludwig, layman, vice-president; Earl H. Pendell, secretary; and George Fraser, treasurer.

—BR—

## MILES HILL

Whereas, on the 23rd day of October, 1949, our heavenly Father saw fit to call from our church and community to eternal rest, Brother Miles Hill, who has been a faithful member and deacon of this, the Mossville Baptist Church, for a period of more than thirty years, and

Whereas, we feel that in his passing the church and community has lost one of its most faithful and useful members and has suffered a loss that seems irreparable, and a citizen of whom they could justly feel proud.

Therefore, be it resolved that the church, by these resolutions give expression to its great loss and extend to the members of the bereaved family its sincerest sympathy in the dark hour through which they are passing and pointing them away from earth's sorrows and heartaches to the beautiful city of our God, whose gates ever swing open and where partings will never more be known.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased and a copy preserved among the records of the church and that a copy be sent to *The Baptist Record* for publication.

EUGENE M. FLEMING,

Pastor-Moderator.

J. S. JEMISON,

Church Clerk.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—District of Columbia Baptists decided in their recent convention to spend \$250,000 in the next ten years to establish new churches, according to R. Edward Dowdy, editor, *Capitol Baptist*. They also voted to divide mission funds 50-50 after deduction of operating expenses and to plan definitely for the 1951 evangelistic crusade. Dr. Frank Burrell, pastor, Fountain Memorial Church, was elected president.

## Reminiscences

By REV. E. T. MOBBERLY

In the published record of those who have attended the largest number of the sessions of the Convention I was third. Bryan Simmons was fifty, A. L. O'Brian forty five, I was forty. In thinking of these records my mind turned to the early years of the century. I came to the state in the summer of 1900. At the beginning of the next year I became pastor at Indianola. Contemporary with me was L. G. Gates at Gunnison, Ed Solomon at Clarksdale, and J. B. Lawrence at Greenwood. These were missionaries of the Board. Gates remained only a short time being stricken with a virulent form of malaria in which his life was dispensed.

Solomon succeeded in erecting a building at Clarksdale. In so doing an amusing incident occurred. A certain banker of the town was very bitter towards the Baptists. He owned a dwelling adjoining their lot, and claimed they were in fringing on his property. Solomon secured a surveyor, and found that the eaves of the man's house were projected on Baptist property. Solomon went on the roof and sawed off the eaves of the banker's house, and then went to the bank and invited the banker to come out, and settle the matter in the good old fashioned way. He didn't come out.

At my first Convention in Water Valley, 1902, the state secretary was the only full time employee of the board. The proposition to employ a Sunday school secretary met considerable opposition. Only the popularity of the Leavells won out, for it was proposed they employ Landrum Leavell. He was employed, and the Sunday school board took him next year. J. E. Byrd took his place.

Attending these meetings has been a great pleasure. There have often been differences, but always amicably settled. One of great blessings, the Lord has bestowed on our cause has been wise leadership. One need only think of W. T. and B. G. Lowrey, H. F. Sproles, P. I. Lipsey and others to be devoutly grateful for such leaders. Fortunately we are still blessed in that respect.

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## Mrs. Roosevelt Retracts Charge Against Dr. Maier

ST. LOUIS—(RNS)—Dr. Walter A. Maier, Lutheran Hour radio speaker, expressed gratitude here over Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's retraction of a statement that he is "a somewhat fanatic fundamentalist who shortly before V-E Day was still insisting that the Germans were a bulwark against Communism."

Mrs. Roosevelt, who made the charge in her column last September, said she had been misinformed or had taken the information wrongly when she thus accused Dr. Maier.

"I thank Mrs. Roosevelt for her courageous, straight-forward statement and wish her a joyful holiday season in Christ," Dr. Maier said.

Mrs. Roosevelt's allegation against Dr. Maier came in the course of an attack on the Lutheran Research Society of Detroit, which has no official connection with any Lutheran Church body. She listed Dr. Maier as one of the people supported by Lawrence S. Reilly, founder of the society, which Mrs. Roosevelt inferred was interested in spreading hatred.



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